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Yemens approve unified ministry

ADEN (R) — A joint military committee from North and South Yemen has approved the formation of a unified interior ministry under a merger agreement, a statement issued after a six-day, meeting in Aden said. The South Yemen delegation was led by the deputy interior minister. Abdul Wasea Salaam, while Deputy Chief of Staff Col. Ali Mohammad Salah headed the North Yemen team. The two Yemens agreed on unity in 1979, but are still discussing the implementation of a merger agreement, reached under. Kuwaiti auspices after a brief border war. The 1979 accord was the Second merger agreement in seven years between the two Yemens.

Iraq regrets Red Cross report

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq expressed regret Tuesday over a Red Cross protest about treatment of prisoners in the Gulf war and said it omitted several facts. The Foreign Ministry said an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) protest delivered to both Iran and Iraq last week failed to include all the facts concerning Iraq's cooperation with the committee. In a memorandum sent to the Red Cross mission in Baghdad and released by the Iraqi News Agency Tuesday, the ministry said: "The humanitarian duty of the ICRC requires it to present the facts in an unbiased, honest man-

Israeli soldier wounded in ambush

TEL AVIV (R) -- An Israeli soldier was injured driving through southern Lebanon Tuesday when his vehicle set off explosives laid along the side of the road, a milnary spokesman said here. Israeli forces are combing the area south of Sidon, the announcement said. Security sources in Sidon said three locals were also hurt in the blast which they said occurred in the village of Al Ghaziyeh south of Sidon. Eyewitnesses told reporters an Israeli convoy heading southwards was only 50 metres from the explosion when it hap-

Defferre ends Saudi visit

' 3AHRAIN (R) - French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre ended a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia Tuesday during which he had talks with the kingdom's leaders on internal security cooperation, the Saudi Press Agency said. Mr. Defferre, who arrived in Rivadh on Saturday, flew home from the Gulf coast town of Dhahran after touring oil installations by helicopter. During his visit, Mr. Defferre had talks with Saudi Int-. erior Minister Prince Navef on ways France could help the kingdom with internal security, French officials said.

Tunis okays treaty with Algiers

TUNIS (R) - The treaty of friendship and concorde concluded by Presidents Chadli Benjedid of Algeria and Tunisia's Habib Bourguiba in March was ratified by the Tunisian Chamber of Deputies (parliament) Tuesday. The chamber also approved a convention delimiting their common frontier.

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Lebanon, Israel sign

withdrawal agreement

KIRYAT SHMONA (R) — Brushing aside Syrian opposition, Lebanon Tuesday signed an agreement with Israel for withdrawing Israeli forces which invaded the country last

After almost five months of it implemented. negotiations, the U.S.-sponsored agreement was signed by both countries at two ceremonies on either side of the border. But whether it would be carried

out remained doubtful. Before bringing home its army, Israel is insisting that about 40,000 troops from Syria, which has rejected the agreement, and some 7,000 Palestinian fighters

should also leave Lebanon. In a clear reference to Syrian opposition, chief Lebanese delegate Antoine Fattal said: "Lebanon and Israel have a responsibility to tackle the obstacles

still on the horizon." The agreement was witnessed by U.S. special envoy Morris Draper, who pledged Washington would devote its full energy to get

The first signing of the text, printed in English, French, Arabic and Hebrew, took place in a seaside hotel in Khalde, south of Bei-

The negotiators then flew by helicopter to this north Israel tow-

Khalde and Kiryat Shmona were the principal venues for the negotiations, which were near deadlock until U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz intervened personally this month.

Israeli chief delegate David Kimche, who signed the agreement, praised the Beirut government for standing up to "pressure and threats from Syria...'

out its estimated 25,000 troops --

a Syrian and Palestinian withdrawal and the return of Israeli prisoners and the bodies of dead soldiers.

Mr. Fattal, signing on behalf of Lebanon, said the accord was not perfect "but it is reasonable. Perfection belongs to the gods." The agreement provides for Isr-

aeli soldiers to join Lebanese land, air and sea patrols to assure commandos of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) do not resume cross-border attacks. Israel, which invaded Lebanon.

last June, originally pressed for a residual military presence but compromised by accepting the joint patrols plan.

The agreement stipulates that it will be up to Lebanese forces to take action against PLO fighters detected by the patrols.

The agreement did not mention the future role to be assigned to the Israeli-backed militia of Lebanese Major Saad Haddad. But Lebanon is reported to have given separate undertakings that Maj. He spelt out again Israel's last Haddad and his men continue to remaining conditions for pulling play a key part in south Lebanon's "security" arrangements.

Syria cuts off strategic **Beirut-Damascus road**

BEIRUT (R) - Syrian forces blocked the busy Beirut-Damascus highway in Lebanon's central mountains Tuesday as well as other mountain roads, Leb-

anese security sources said. It was assumed the move was linked to Lebanon's signing Tuesday of a troop withdrawal accord with Israel, which Syria strongly opposes, the sources said.

Telephone lines between Beirut and Zahle, a Christian town behind Syrian lines in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, were also cut Tuesday but it was not known by The Syrians were stopping all

traffic at Mdeirej on the mountain section of the main highway between Beirut and Damascus, the sources said.

It was not immediately clear whether other routes between the Lebanese and Syrian capitals, involving long detours, were open.

One unconfirmed report here said the Syrians had also cut the Beirut-Tripoli road near the northern coastal town.

The sources said it was rare for the Syrians to block the main Beirut-Damascus road. Israeli forces, who have frontline positions about three kilometres from Mdeirej, cut the highway whenever there is factional fighting in the area, they said.

Tension has been high in the areas where Israeli and Syrian troops are face to face since it became clear earlier this month that ally signed Tuesday, could still be far from implementation.

Israel and Syria are each insisting that the other pulls its forces out of Lebanon completely. Syria has been slamming the

U.S.-blocked Lebanese-Israel deal since it became apparent that Lebanon would sign.

Egypt calls for respect for Lebanon agreement

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Tuesday called on what he described as "foreign parties" to respect the withdrawal agreement signed by Israel and Lebanon.

Mr. Ali, speaking to reporters shortly after Lebanon and Israel signed the agreement, said the Lebanese decision to sign the accord "throws its weight once more in the face of foreign parties which should respect the will of the Lebanese people represented in their government and parliament."

Although Mr. Ali did not mention Syria or the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) by name, he was apparently referring to their forces in Lebanon.

to observe the will of the Lebanese and not to put obstacles which could perpetuate the presence of foreign troops on Lebanese soil," Mr. Ali said.

Later Israeli Ambassador to Egypt Moshe Sasson handed Mr. Ali a message from Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir but its contents were not disclosed.

An Israeli embassy spokesman hinted it might deal partly with returning to Israel an Egyptian ambassador, withdrawn last September in protest at the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Earlier Tuesday Mr. Ali told reporters Egyptian ambassador to Israel Saad Murtada retired last month and the appointment of a Egypt appeals to these parties new envoy may take some time. hdrawing them.

Reagan hails pullout pact

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan Tuesday hailed the signing of the accord for withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon as 'a positive step towards peace in the Middle East."

Speaking to congressional leaders at a meeting on the gov-ernment budget, Mr. Reagan called on Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to agree to withdraw as well." Mr. Reagan thanked Secretary

of State George Shultz, who was standing by his side, for putting the Israeli-Lebanese accord together during his trip to the Middle He also thanked Lebanese Pre-

sident Amin Gemayel and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin for what he called their courage and statesmanship in the negotiations for the troop withdrawal.

Syria has denounced the Israeli-Lebanon agreement, while Israel has said it would not start to pull back its own forces until Syrian and PLO troops also left.

Mr. Reagan said a withdrawal of all foreign forces would enable Lebanon to restore its sovereignty and control of its territory, adding that Lebanon "deserves the support of all its friends in the Middle East and all the world."

Mr. Reagan also thanked U.S. Middle East negotiator Philip Habib and special negotiator Morris Draper, who witnessed the agreement on behalf of the United States at signing ceremonies held earlier Tuesday in Lebanon and Israel.

He said the agreement "gives hope for ending the suffering of the Lebanese people" and would enhance Lebanon's security and wellbeing. Mr. Reagan also said that the

achievement should not be allowed to slide away because the risks of keeping foreign troops in Lebanon were greater than wit-

U.S., Soviet stands still far apart in Geneva the other's conditions were una- talks since they began 18 months

GENEVA (R) - The United States and the Soviet Union resumed negotiations on medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe Tuesday with their positions still far apart after a seven-week adjournment.

Both delegations returned to the negotiating table with new proposals, but each side had already made clear in advance that

chief American negotiator, shook lasted two hours and would conhands with his Soviet counterpart
Yuli Kvitsinsky on arrival at the

tinue on Thursday.

Mr. Kvitsinsky told journalists Soviet mission, and both posed on arrival last Saturday that he briefly for photographers. But they refused to speak to

reporters, maintaining the strict ward just before the last round of secrecy which has surrounded the negotiations adjourned in March

eptable.

An unsmiling Paul Nitze, the U.S. mission said the discussions

would not accept President Reagan's "interim solution" put for-

Iran sues Taiwanese bank for 'arms swindle'

said Tuesday it was being sued by Iran for the return of \$15 million. missing after being sent to Taipei to pay for arms that Tehran believed it had purchased.

A senior official of the Chang Hwa Bank told reporters that a suit filed in a Taipei court by Iran's defence ministry alleged that the bank paid the money to the owner of a company that describes itself here as an importer and exporter

ysanthemums. The suit alleged negligence and

claimed compensation. Government officials said meanwhile that Taiwan had never sold arms to Iran, which does not have

diplomatic relations with Taipei. They did not know what kind of arms the Iranians believed the Taiwanese trading company would sell them.

The officials added that any ifying their signatures.

TAIPEI(R) - A Taiwanese bank of elevators and dry chr- arms sales had to be approved by the defence, foreign affairs and economics ministries and no weapons went to Communist or unf-

British bank in July, 1981.

riendly countries. The Iranian suit alleged that the money was transmitted through a

-It said the account was jointly opened by three Iranians and the Defence Ministry had instructed the bank to pay out only after verdisperse them, the sources added.

Hassan meets American leaders

WASHINGTON (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan met here Monday the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He also met U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger at the Pen-

U.S. Vice President George Bush gave a reception in honour of Prince Hassan, attended by a number of high-ranking American officials.

Prince Hassan left Washington for Boston Tuesday. He will deliver lectures there at the Law and Diplomacy School, Fletcher College and the World Affairs Council at the city of Boston.

The director of the International Centre for Graduate Studies at the John Hopkins University in Washington gave a dinner in honour of Prince Hassan Monday. The dinner was attended by the members of the delegation accompanying Prince Hassan, a number of high-ranking Ame-rican personalities, and Middle

Fateh split 'serious'

DAMASCUS (R) - A serious split has developed among Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) commandos in Lebanon. some of whom are refusing orders from leader Yasser Arafat, informed Palestinian sources said Tuesday.

They said the split was affinng fighters based in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley belonging to Mr. Arafat's mainstream Fateh group, the largest of eight factions that make up the PLO. Dissenters were objecting to

recent senior military appointments which included promotion for at least one officer many Fatch men felt had performed poorly when PLO forces were attacked by invading Israeli forces in southern Lebanon last year, the sources said.

They described the split as very serious." Dissenting men were staying in their camps, but the sources said the split had not led to fighting within Fateh as some reports had alleged.

The Palestinian news agency WAFA reported earlier that Mr. Arafat had visited his men in the Bekaa Tuesday, his third trip in a week to the area, where many of the 6,000 to 8,000 PLO men still in Lebanon are dug in alongside Syrian forces.

Mr. Arafat was trying to end the split peacefully but he would resort to force if need be, the Palestinian sources said.

They said the dissenters wanted an emergency congress of Fatch to air their grievances, but Mr. Arafat had refused.

Reports of unrest within Fateh first emerged last week when the official Libyan news agency JANA said there had been a mutiny in the Bekaa by Fateh officers opposed to Mr. Arafat.

WAFA said Mr. Arafat gave officers and commandos "instructions in the light of the current dangerous stage" at meetings Monday in the Bekaa Valley in

eastern Lebanon. Last Friday and Saturday Mr. Arafat visited some of the pos-itions held by 6,000 to 8,000 PLO

Beirut protests injure 11

BEIRUT (R) - Eleven people were wounded Tuesday afternoon in a clash between the Lebanese army and Shi'ite Muslims protesting against an Israeli troop withdrawal agreement signed Tuesday, official sources said.

The demonstration, in the Beirut suburb of Bir Al Abed, was the first reported protest against the pull-out accord in areas under Lebanese government control. The sources said the clash began

when a hand grenade was thrown at the army during an illegal demonstration, slightly wounding an officer and three soldiers. Seven demonstrators were

wounded when the army fired to

would be liable to legal and administrative measures. Furadfastness and the channel of communications between the consequences. Jordan has been thermore, bearers of temporary Jordanian passports would be West Bank and East Bankers." banned from leaving the occupied "Since the first days of the Israeli occupation, Jordan has been territories except through the said two bridges." following a policy ensuring the The statement also said that steadfastness of the kinsmen in the West Bank and Gaza Strip res-

idents would not be allowed to leave for the East Bank if the permit they are carrying from the occupation authorities includes a freedom." condition banning them from returning to the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the expiry of their

The statement said the aim of these new measures is to regulate travel between the two banks,"to

of escalating the settlement policy

anyone violating the measures 1967, "travel through the bridges has been the vein of life and ste-

occupied territories and alleviating the yoke of occupation until the nightmare of occupation is eliminated and they win their

gest danger threatening the existence of the Arab residents and ign of the occupation authorities their historic right in this cherished part of the holy Arab lands," the statement said.

"Jordan has always worked to confront the Zionist plans since it realises of the dimensions of the enemy designs and its harmful able to neutralise some negative aspects of the enemy designs through measures it has been adopting. For the purpose of confronting the policy of evicting Arab residents from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Jordan adopted several measures on the points of crossing to the East Bank.

"The response and understanding of our kinsmen in the occupied territories of these measures have always been the gua-

Gemayel urges U.S. role in pullout

NEW YORK (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has urged the speedy return of Secretary of State George Shultz to the Middle East to help negotiate a withdrawal of Syrian forces, the New York Times reported Tue-

According to an interview in the l'imes, Mr. Gemayel said he felt Washington could help in getting Damascus to change its stated rejection of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement.

A State Department spo-

esman was quoted as saying Mr. Shultz was not inclined to accept the idea because he felt the Arabs should now take the lead in negotiations over Lebanon. Mr. Gemayel indicated, how-

ever, that he felt the Lebanese alone would not be able to persuade the Syrians to accept a pullout.

support of the United States," Mr. pullout would not be made until

Jordan

reaffirms

support of

refugees in

ntity cards to be issued by the Uni-

The declaration was made by

Occupied Territories Affairs Min-

ister Hassan Ibrahim who rec-

ugees in this regard.

rejecting

the Syrians have not closed the door with the United States. The U.S. Government could convince

good impression in Syria." They feel that he is sincere. I think that his presence here could be useful," Mr. Gemayel said in an

would be helpful in resolving the Middle East dilemma on a withdrawal of forces from Lebanon. The Soviet Union has backed

pments to Syria. Mr. Gemayel said a working group had been set up to begin withdrawal talks with the Syrians,

icated that separate negotiations were to begin this week in Tunis for withdrawal of the 10,000 Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) troops in Lebanon. Mr. Gemayel said that Lebanon was an occupied country and for that reason was not able to deal alone with Israel, Syria, Iran or the PLO, all of which have troops in Lebanon.

back to Beirut where he would be engaged in the next steps towards withdrawal of all foreign troops. The Israelis, he said, had a very

the Syrian and PLO forces also

He said that Mr. Reagan was

Gulf envoys hold talks with Iranian leadership

TEHRAN (R) - Ministers from the Gulf ministers' visit had nottwo Gulf states met Iran's Pre- hing to do with ending the war. sident Ali Khamenei Tuesday on the second day of a mission which informed sources said was aimed demand for the withdrawal of all at presenting a new plan to end the Iraqi forces from Iran. UNRWA cards Iran-Iraq war.

AMMAN (R) — The Jordanian arrival in Tehran of Algerian satisfying Iran's top condition, government Tuesday declared its Prime Minister Mohammad Ben- that Iraq pay it more than \$135 support of demands made by Palahmad Abdelghani for talks which billion in war damages. estinian refugees rejecting idealso appeared likely to cover ways of ending the 32-month-old war. ted Nations Relief and Works Algeria helped to arrange a bor-Agency for Palestinian refugees der settlement between Iran and Iraq in 1975. (UNRWA) instead of ration

Arab and Iranian officials say the two Gulf envoys, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and United Arab Emirates eived a delegation of rep- (UAE) Minister of State for Forresentatives of refugee camps in eign Affairs Rashid Abdulla Al Jordan Tuesday. Mr. Ibrahim said Nuaimi, are here to discuss a huge the Jordanian government will oil slick caused by damaged Iramake the necessary contacts to nian oil wells in the Gulf. Informed sources in Kuwait

support the demands of the refsaid the ministers would also seek Representatives of the refugees | Iranian and then Iraqi reaction to said that the proposed identity an Arab peace plan calling for a cards are "useless" because they withdrawal of forces to the predo not serve the interests of the war border, formation of a recrefugees and said they will protest onstruction fund and an exchange against the move to the United of prisoners.

Nations secretary general and the UNRWA commissioner-general. Akbar Vellayati said on Sunday and the president.

The plan reported by the Kuwaiti sources appears to meet Iran's Its proposal for a reconstruction The meeting coincided with the fund also seems to go some way to

> The six Arab states said by the sources to have drafted the peace plan are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, grouping all the Arab states bordering the Gulf

except Irag. The Gulf envoys had originally been expected to move on to Baghdad late Monday or early Tuesday for talks there before reporting back to a meeting of foreign ministers of six Arab oil states in Saudi Arabia Wednesday.

The length of their stay in Tehran and the number of meetings they have held with Iranian leaders appears to suggest that whatever has been discussed has been

substantial. They have met Mr. Vellayati. Parliamentary Speaker Hoj-Iranian Foreign Minister Ali atoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani

Thatcher cautiously optimistic of polls

LONDON (R) — British Prime the latest public opinion polls put for Labour and 21 per cent for the Minister Margaret Thatcher, her her party's lead over the oppaliance. Conservative Party leading opinion polls in the run-up to next seven and 15 percentage points. month's general election, said Tuesday she was cautiously optimistic about victory.

the 57-year-old prime minister half in less than a week. told party workers during a brief headquarters: "I need hardly stress to you how critical these next three weeks are."

They would shape the whole of Britain's future after the June 9 election, Mrs. Thatcher said.

The prime minister, seeking renewal of her 1979 mandate a year before it expires, spoke after

osition Labour Party at between

A survey by Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) in the Daily Star new-Looking ahead to more than . spaper Tuesday showed the govtwo more five-year terms in office, ernment's lead had been cut in

The poll gave the state of the visit to the Conservatives' London main political parties as: Conservative 44 per cent, Labour 37 per cent, Liberal-Social Democrat alliance 17 per cent, others two per cent.

But another poll by audience selection for the TV-AM Television station put the Conservatives 15 points ahead with 46 per cent support, with 31 per cent

in Tuesday's pep-talk, Mrs. Thatcher cautioned that the middle of the election campaign could get very rough.

That is the point of time when we have to stay absolutely calm and stay absolutely together and go on putting our policies to the people," she said.

Jordan announces new measures to restrict W. Bankers travel AMMAN (Petra) — The Interior ensure the steadfastness of the policy which constitutes the big-Ministry issued a statement Tuekinsmen in the occupied tersday "banning all West Bank resritories and to cope with the desidents from leaving the West Bank

agreement until early Tuesday.

Sandis urge U.S. pressure on Israel

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia Tuesday urged the United States

and allow Palestinians to return to their homes, the Saudi Press

Agéncy reported. It quoted Information Minister Ali Hassan Al

haer as saying: "The kingdom is hoping for a more positive and

clear stand from the United States to enable the Palestinian

people to carry out their legitimate rights and return to their lands.

This cannot happen except by focussing pressure on Israel to

make it withdraw from the territories occupied in 1967. This is a

basic step towards the needed settlement." he said in a statement.

Mr. Shaer added that the kingdom was deeply concerned that

Israel should withdraw its forces immediately from Lebanon to

maintain that country's independence and Arab character. The

-Saudi cabinet discussed the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal

except through the King Hussein and the Prince Mohammad briin the occupied territories. The statement said that since dges." The statement warned

"For this purpose, Jordan has

done all that it could to foil the effects of the measures which the enemy has been taking to undkinsmen in the occupied ter-

ermine the steadfastness of the rantee for their success and for the continuation of the joint march," ritories, especially the settlement the statement concluded.

the Syrians to withdraw. Mr. Gemayel said that the Syrians liked Mr. Shultz and "he left a

hour-long interview. The Lebanese president also was quoted as saying that Soviet-American discussions

Syria, which has an estimated 40,000 troops in Lebanon, and has recently increased arms shi-

In Washington, Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotes told reporters at the State Department Tuesday that President Reagan's special Middle East envoy Philip Habib was on his way

strong case not to pull out unless

withdrew. "In this aspect we need the full —but a formal request for a Syrian —now considering delivery to Israel of 75 F-16 warplanes held up until Gemayel told the Times. "I think negotiations were ended. He ind- Israel quit Lebanon.

FEATURES

Most West Germans are indifferent to Hitler

By Paul Taylor Reuter

BONN - The publication by! Stern magazine of Adolf Hitler's purported diaries, now proved to be fakes, has brought to light a flourishing market in Hitler memorabilia for which nostalgic collectors seem ready to pay large sums.

But the reaction to the Hitler! Diaries saga suggests that 50 years after the Nazis took power. Hitler exerts more of a morbid fascination in Britain and the United States these days than in West Germany.

Most ordinary West Germans seem bored by the whole subject and are learning to laugh about Hitler in a way that would have been unthinkable a few years ago. The "grey market" abounds in supposed Hitler paintings, Hitler love letters, Hitler medals and, in the words of one historian, "enough Hitler suicide guns to fill a

Many forgeries around

Almost all historians who have written on the darkest era in German history report having been offered such material.

Among the Nazi relics reported to be in circulation are the purported diaries of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the elite Nazi S.S. troops, poems and love letters supposed to have been sent by Hitler to his mistress, Eva Braun, and Braun's own diaries, said to be

hidden by a private collector in New Mexico.

Most elections in U.S.

"The market abounds in forgeries. Most of us have been caught out by one document or another in our research," said Joachim Fest, author of a standard. German biography of Hitler.

Like Stuttgart Professor Eberhard Jaeckel, Fest was offered purported Hitler documents by Konrad Fischer alias Kujau, the dealer named by Stern as the source of its "diaries."

Jaeckel told Reuters he acquired several documents from the dealer, including a poem said to have been written by Hitler, and published them in a collection called "Hitler's Entire Writings 1905-24."

"I later had to admit in a shcolarly publication that I had been duped and the papers were fakes," Jaeckel said.

Kujau was not the only dealer to the 1930s. have a back room stuffed with Third Reich memorabilia.

Germans ridicule diaries

David Irving, a controversial right-wing British writer on the Nazi era, says his research has shown that some of the biggest collections are held by private enthusiasts in the U.S.

In Munich, former Nazi Party archivist August Priesack's home is cluttered with documents and paintings allegedly by the Fue-

historian, is at present fighting a court battle against the Bavarian state government's seizure of a picture-book he edited on the Nazi Party Nuremberg railies in

He recently published another book entitled "Adolf Hitler as a painter and graphic artist."
Priesack's friend Fritz Stiefel, a

Stuttgart businessman, collects autographs and medals from the Nazi era. He too said he was offered diaries and documents by

But these collectors are by no means typical of the West German public.

The reaction to what Stern trumpeted as "the greatest joumalistic sensation of the century' suggests that most West Germans

Priesack, who calls himself a are largely indifferent to the Fue-

The debate over the diaries made more headlines in the British and North American press than in West Germany, and typical comments by ordinary Germans on the contents of the Stern documents included "so what" and "who cares?"

West German newspapers ridiculed the purported diaries with some biting cartoons.

One depicted Hitler saying: "I

loved children, animals and Eva Braun, wanted peace with England, despised (airforce chief) Goering and (propaganda chief) Goebbels and mistrusted Himmler. In fact I was really a victim of

The weekly magazine Der Spiegel printed a reader's letter in Hitler's handwriting, dated November 1933, which joked: "I hereby confirm to 'Stern' that my diaries are genuine, Adolf Hitler."

The liberal weekly Die Zeit ran a trick photograph showing Hitler, in a leather motoring cap, sitting at the wheel of his car reading Stern's cover on the discovery of his dia-

Some West German historians are worried that the general public is not yet politically mature enough to be shown Nazi documents without having expert guidance.

Professor Andreas Hillgruber of Cologne University, for example, said in a televised discussion on the Hitler Diaries that even if the documents were genuine, it

was irresponsible for Stern to publish them.

His view was echoed by other academics who said the public should only be exposed to Nazi propaganda if accompanied by scholarly analysis on the evils of the Nazism.

But the public reaction to the so-called Hitler Diaries suggests the historians are being overprotective.

Most West Germans seem to have been bored to tears by this year's spate of documentaries on the Nazi tyranny.

Perhaps a hearty laugh at the Fuehrer's expense is a healthier response than the grim soulsearching that marked the 50th anniversary of his rise to power.

euphoria in German Robots arouse new

By Robert Woodward Reuter

HANOVER, West Germany -The worker slowly picks out a metal letter from the box in front of him. looks at it and, after careful consideration, places it next to the other five on the platform to

spell the word "people." Nothing strange perhaps -- except the worker has only one arm, stands one metre (three feet)

high and is made of steel. Such "semi-intelligent" robots were the stars of the recent Honover Trade Fair and they are heading a revival in West German demand for steel-collar workers.

Euphoria over robots in the early 1970s, after their introduction at Volkswagen and evaporated in the face of vast technical difficulties and high development costs

New breed of robots

But the new breed of robots is capable of more intricate tasks. Companies see these steel servants both cutting costs and increasing flexibility and productivity

in the face of tough competition. The number of robots employed in West German industry has trebled in the past two years to around 3,500 and this rapid growth has led experts to raise their estimates of 1985 usage to

7.500 from the previous 4.500. Purchase prices remain high although experts say a 200,000-

Daimler-Benz car plants, quickly mark (\$80,000) loading and unloading robot will pay for itself within one and a half years.

The majority of West German robots are installed in the car industry where they are ideally suited both for monotonous, backbreaking work such as welding and body assembly, and potentially-dangerous tasks like spray-painting.

Robots for 'dirty' jobs

Their takeover of so-called "dirty" jobs is popular with wor-kers and has short-circuited attacks from trade unions who had feared widespread job losses after the arrival of robots.

'A robot can at present hardly do more than a blind man with thick gloves," Hans Warnecke, a

leading robot expert says reassuringly.

But unions are unlikely to be so passive in the face of the new 'semi-intelligent" generation of robots, prototypes of which were on show in Hanover. .

Robots are currently preprogrammed with a computer to undertake certain tasks which the task successfully.
they can carry out fast and accurately 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

However problems can arise when, for instance, the joint to be either cause redundancies or welded is slightly out of place and mean displaced workers are forthe robot merrily welds a hole in a ced to undertake more menial wing mirror.

Ford will introduce a new generation of wheel-mounting robots this Autumn capable of finding the position of hub bolts with computer-linked sensors and then

power-screwing the wheel onto million assembly workers have them.

Researchers are also developing even more advanced sensors, like those on the "people" robot. These will discern, via touch and infra-red sensors, whether the robot can carry out a particular task and if it is completing

every 500 workers in the car industry and IG Metall, the industry's union, fears the new breed will

Exaggerated fears

Economists estimate around 600,000 of West Germany's . one

unskilled jobs which could be taken by robots. Robot manufacturers believe union fears are exaggerated and say their industry has a key role as an employer -

the current workforce of 14,500 is

expected to climb to 20,000 by

They add that many firms, and jobs, are saved by increased efficiency following robot installation. But the unions point to Japan, where car workers are increasingly disturbed by the number of robots in industry. Japan has 11 robots for every 10,000 workers

compared with less than three in the U.S. and West Germany. Nissan's 47,000 employees have forced the company to agree not to sack anyone after robot installation. Additions to the firm's

only with union consent.

Japan closely watched

West Germany's robot producers are also closely watching Japan as they fear falling sales in the Far East and U.S. could lead to a Japanese offensive on the Eur-

Japan has around 13,000 robots in operation at present, at least double that of any other country. But the turndown in the car industry has forced Japanese producers to slash prices to inflate sales, experts say.

opean market.

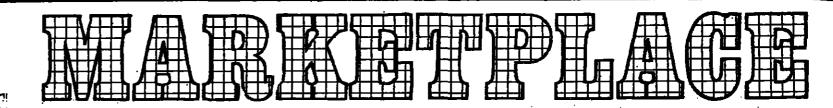
West German producers admit that Japanese firms have a larger research and output potential.

700 robots will now be allowed They also complain that stringent safety regulations and the power of unions in West Germany are inhibiting robot use.

But firms here are rapidly catching up in the field of robot technology due partry to a series of joint ventures with Japanese firms. Hitachi recently linked up with the West German Zeppelin Company, while the large Siemens group is developing "multi-sensor" robots with Fujitsu-

However U.S. experts say this "softly, softly" Japanese approach to European markets may soon change. The Japanese are expected to increase direct merketing of their products soon and to start buying up small European robot





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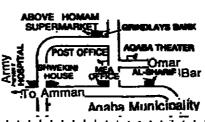
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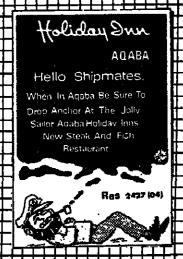
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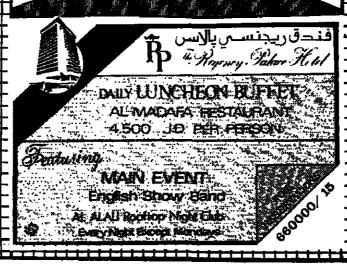








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Badran lauds China's stand on Palestinians

ister Mudar Badran Tuesday praised the People's Republic of China for its constant support for Arab causes, especially the right of the Palestinian people to return home and to their legitimate hom-

Mr. Badran, who was addressing the visiting Chinese parliamentary delegation currently visiting Jordan at his office, also applauded the clarity of vision of Middle East dispute and its continuous denunciation of the Israeli

aggression against the Arab lands. In reply the chairman of the Chinese delegation said his country's support for the Arab and-Palestinian people is unflinching campus.

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Min- and will not change until they regain the territories occupied in

> 'He then said King Hussein's visit to China was a great contribution to the bolstering of Jordanian-Chinese friendship on both the official and popular lev-

During the meeting, which was attended by Speaker of the National Consultative Council (NCC) Suleiman Arar, several NCC the Chinese leadership over the members and the Chinese ambassador in Amman, a review was made of past relations between the two countries and ways of imp-

roving and promoting these ties. The Chinese delegation later visited the University of Jordan

Belgians, ministry talk about agri. cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) - The Belgian economic delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan led by Crown Prince Albert, Tuesday discussed with Agriculture Ministry officials the prospects of cooperation between Jordan and Belgium in this sector.

Prince Albert and his delegation were received in the Agriculture Ministry by the minister Marwan Doudin, who briefed the delegation on the activities of the agricultural sector and the investment that has been made in it.

Public Works Minister Awni Al Masri also received the Belgian delegation and briefed its members on the tasks and functions of the ministry, as well as the projects it is implementing as part of the current five-year plan.

Prince Albert and his delegation discussed with Mr. Masri aspects of cooperation in the future, particularly the technical training of Jordanians in Belgium and the supply of Jordan with materials needed for in particular road construction.

The Belgian delegation, also visited the Health Ministry where it was informed by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas about the health services provided by the ministry and its centres.

Qaboos flies into Aqaba

AMMAN (Petra) — Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman arrived in Agaba Tuesday for a private visit to Jordan which will last several days. Sultan Qaboos was received by His Majesty King Hussein, a number of Jordanian officials and the Omani ambassador in

Attaches visit air academy

AMMAN (Petra) - A group of the military attaches accredited in Jordan Tuesday visited the Hussein Air Force Academy, where they were briefed by the commandant on the academy's Air Force pilot training procedures.

AWSA raises new JD 5m loan locally

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A syndicate of 14 local and foreign banks and financial institutions signed an agreement here Tuesday to lend JD 5 million to the Amman Water and Sewage Authority, and in the process added some new wrinkles to the Jordanian financial

The seven-year loan, at an annual interest rate of 8.75 per cent and with a 1.75 per cent annual commission, is guaranteed by the Jordanian government. It will help finance part of a series of new water and sewerage works around the Amman area, which will cost a total of JD 16.25 million.

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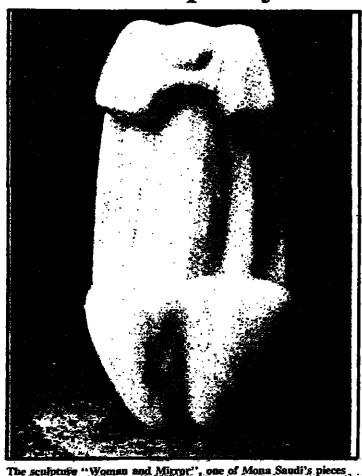
Of particular interest in this loan is the inclusion of a novel "cost of funds" clause, by which the annual interest payable on the loan can increase if there is a significant increase in the cost of funds to the banks in the syndicate. The interest rate will be tied to the weighted, average cost

of term deposits of the eight banks and financial institutions that form the loan's management group. calculated every six months. The interest rate cannot drop below a "floor", which has been set as the prime rate that prevails in Jordan. The participating banks and

financial institutions can also rediscount 45 per cent of their share of the loan with the Central Ban!: at any time during the life of the loan, at the rediscount rate of 6.5 per cent. In previous syndicated loans, only 40 per cent of a bank's share of the loan could be rediscounted with the Central Bank. This new syndication is undi-

erwritten by the Arab Bank. which is also the lead manager and agent for the loan.

Sensual simplicity characterises Saudi's sculptures



The sculpture "Woman and Mirror", one of Mona Saudi's pieces currently being displayed in an exhibition of her work at the Alia Art

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Since Samer Taba'a left Amman there has been a void in the Jordanian art world which none of the remaining Jordanian sculptors seemed be able to fill. Then last February at the group show of Jordanian artists there appeared, at last, to be two hopeful candidates. One was Karam Nimri, The other was Mona Saudi. whose first solo exhibition here in Amman at the Alia Art Gallery this week, gives us an opportunity to see if the rest of her work fulfils the promise of that early solitary

It is with some relief that I am able to report that it does, although her work does not live up to some of the extravagant claims made about it on Saudi's behalf. This is because some of these appraisals tended to be larger than life, at times so enthusaistic that they almost became air bourne. which is entirely inappropriate as one of the main characteristics of Saudi's work is its gentle, almost sensual simplicity, and a solidity, a base hugging weightiness, that keeps the pieces firmly earthbound.

After a tour round Saudi's 22 sculptures, which are com- lines and contours, emulating silk screen prints, however, one an undeviating and relentless conquickly begins to understand why fidence, their scrupulous accuracy

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much about Saudi's work about which to be enthusiastic. First there is her medium. Saudi, who studied at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts, Paris and who has since lived in Beirut returning only recently to her native Amman, has chosen for each sculpture a beautiful piece of enduring stone quarried from rocks that make man's three score years and ten seem but a wink of an eye. The different qualities of each piece of creamy limestone, veined marble and inky black diorite have been assessed and then enhanced and utilised in true "truth to material" style to give Saudi's organic shapes an even greater feel of naturalism.

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Another pleasing fact about her chosen medium is that at least half of the sculptures have been carved from local stone. So few artists have taken advantage of the rich variety of stones -- some needing no work at all to make them beautiful -- found all over Jordan.

Then there is Saudi's technical prowess. Without exception each piece is a marvel of immaculate but her femaleness, her fecundity craftsmanship and precision, every plane, curve and sphere perfect in its geometry. The rigorous plemented by her drawings, and -- those of her drawings, move with these claims were made.... there is resulting in a satisfyingly clean

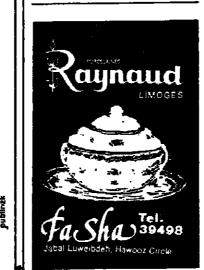
simplicity. This in turn imparts to the forms a completeness, a wholeness, a tension that focuses inwards, while the feeling of contained strength pushes against the ubreakable thrust of that swelling curve, that rising plane that all resisting sphere. And although the forms are dictated to a large extent by the natural flow and rhythm of the stone itself, the perfection of Saudi's carving tells you that she is always firmly in control.

Finally and most importantly are Saudi's forms themselves. Although perhaps not very new, they are in a classical modern format the permutations of which are mexhaustible. Perhaps the best of these are her female forms which have their roots back in the very earliest sculptural works of ancient man. Their bulging spheres and gently rising curves emerging from the bulk of the finely pared stone are reminiscent of the little statuettes called "Venus figures" by archaeologists who date them as far back as 25,000 to 20,000 B.C. Like Saudi's "Pregnant Woman" and "Woman and Mirror", these do not depict woman and above all her fertility.

When Saudi isn't depicting the female figure, she is catching her essence, in nature itself with its never ending and therefore reassuring patterns and eyeles -- the lapping of the waves along the shore, and the rising and setting of the sun. The piece entitled "Sunrise" in fact seems to be an even more explicit depiction of feamaleness). In these, there is a sense of movement -- not a rusbing dashing dynamism but the continuous flow of stone, often turning in upon itself, quietly strearning around its own periphery. The variety of polished and textured finishes Saudi has employed lends each piece its own pure individuality. In the best, the light is modulated softly, some of it being absorbed by the stone, the rest given out as a muted silky effulgence. In others, the high sheen emphasises the profile, while its mass and contours are lost in a glitter of reflections.

This is one of the best exhibitions we have seen in Amman for some time if for no other reason than the sheer quality and tec-hnical perfection of the pieces. There are two comments about the show that must be made however. One is about the prices for the sculptures which start reasonably enough at JD 500, but soon race up to the JD 4,500 mark to finish at a staggering JD 10,000. For someone who was quoted quite recently(Jordan Times March 18, 1983) as being appalled by the fact that art should be so exclusive as to become the property of the very few who can afford it, aren't her prices excessive not to mention hypocritical? Secondly, although the Alia Art Gallery is a commercial one, is there any need to treat it so blatantly as a sales room by hanging different editions of the same silkscreen print? This is not the practice anywhere else in the world and certainly Saudi would not have done it at her exhibitions in Beirut, Paris, Tokyo, Moscow, Berlin, Oslo and Warsaw, so why do it

The exhibition runs until May



AMMAN (J.T.) — The play Bukra... Inshallah", an adaption by Nabil Sawalha of the American play "Luv", opened at the Royal The play is a social satire in which, two old school friends meet

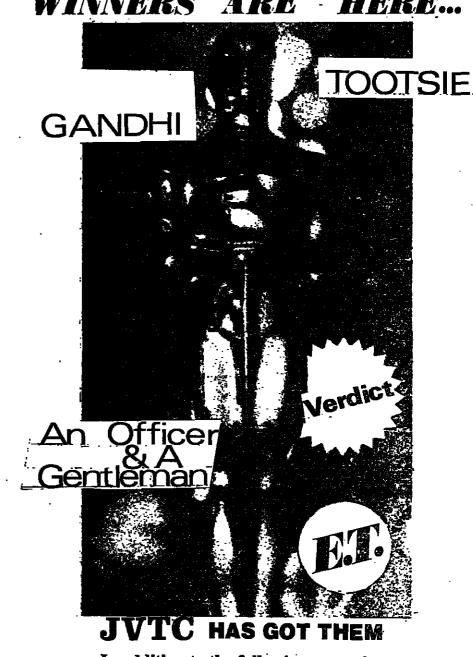
A scene from the play "Bukra... Inshallah" which opened Monday for a two week run at the Royal Cultural Centre

to find her identity in this materialistic, chauvanistic world.

Although only a small cast the play it is a dynamic comedy full of

The play is directed by the Jordanian actor Nadim Sawalha, who has returned to Amman from London especially to direct this production.





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An ugly phenomenon

THERE IS a peculiar phenomenon in Amman these days which we think should be brought out into the open and discussed. It is the high rents that foreign embassies are often asked to pay for their embassy quarters or their ambassadors' residences. In the past few years, some embassies have paid annual rents of JD 20,000, JD 30,000 or even JD 40,000 or more to rent a house suitable for an ambassador's residence. In principle, there is nothing wrong with countries paying high rents to secure nice homes or offices for their staff. What is wrong, though, is the manner in which Jordanian landlords immediately double or triple the rent they ask for a property when they know the interested renter is from a foreign embassy. And while we have no reason to prevent some Jordanians from making plenty of money by renting their houses, we feel the situation has reached such a ridiculous point that some of the smaller or medium-size countries may find it prohibitively expensive to open a mission in Jordan. Furthermore, the tens of thousands of dinars paid in inflated rents takes away from the money that a foreign country might otherwise use to fund technical training programmes for Jordanians, or other bilateral aid or cooperation efforts which would benefit the entire country, instead of a single, greedy landlord. Perhaps this is an inevitable development in a free market economy. We think not.

It is difficult to think of how this ugly phenomenon could be stopped. Perhaps the foreign embassies could get together, with the Jordanian foreign ministry, and establish a procedure by which they could exchange information on rent levels they are asked to pay. Perhaps the precise value of rents could be documented by the foreign ministry and presented to the income tax department. At least this would ensure that exorbitant profits from house rentals would be fully taxed, thereby reducing the incentive to charge very high rents and also recycling some of the money to the people of Jordan as a whole, via tax funding of state services. In any case, the problem is clear. It leaves a very bad taste in the mouth, and should be addressed

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: U.S. policy should be balanced

THE speech addressed to the 11th conference of the National Association of American Arabs on behalf of His Majesty King Hussein drew attention to the major issue which the Arabs are struggling for, namely the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the area. Indeed such a note was struck at the same time as the U.S. congress was pouring aid into Israel--aid which is allowing Israel to continue its selfish stand which is effectively a policy of undermining the U.S.'s role in the process of peace-making and the talks which took place between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Consequently, the peace process in the area was crippled and U.S. credibility suffered accordingly.

Needless to say, the joint responsibility for building peace cannot be viewed purely in terms of coming up with an initiative. On the contrary, it should be based on prompting Israel to abandon its stubborness. American institutions, which allocate such aid to Israel, should be persuaded that the United States has a role to play in the peace process, the role which King Hussein called for, King Hussein urged that all honest Americans should establish a peace lobby and a peace commission drawn from the Republican and Democratic parties, realising the dangers posed to the area as a result of the Israeli aggression and the consequent loss of the latest peace opportunities.

It is time for the American institutions to shoulder their responsibilities in building peace. Consequently, American policy would then be balanced. This is turn would give impetus to the peace process and give Americans the opportunity to prove their cre-

Al Dustour: The crux of the issue

THERE have been contradictory reactions to the Lebanese-Israeli agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. Some people supported the agreement and some did not. However, one should say that the issue is not the ending of the Israeli occupation of Lebanon or concluding an agreement between Lebanon and Israel, for the real issue is the Middle East crisis, and the crux of this crisis is the Palestinian issue.

No one can really say that the Camp David agreements signed by the biggest Arab state with Israel achieved the minimum of stability and justice in the area. The same thing applies to the Lebanese-Israeli agreement. Any agreement which is not based on international legitimacy and resolutions calling for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories is merely a truce, not peace. The best results which could be achieved by any Lebanese-Israeli agrecment is to restore the conditions that prevailed in the area prior to the Israeli invasion. Any agreement not constituting a step on the path to a just settlement would be meaningless, particularly if the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and a full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories are not taken into consideration. Arab experience, including that of Egypt, is evidence that peace cannot be achieved if one party to the conflict acquires land and security at the expense of the other. This would only keep the area vulnerable to unrest, and stability and justice would remain a

Sawt Al Shaab: Israel's extremist position

KING Hussein's message to the National Association of American Arabs presents many opprotunities for peace in the Middle East. While the Arab position was moving towards moderation and the acceptance of the principles of a just and comprehensive peace based on United Nations resolutions and the principle of restoring Arab rights in the occupied Arab territories in return for peace. Israel has been adopting an extremist position thereby foiling all international

efforts to establish peace. As King Hussein explained. Israel diverted the Camp David process from genuine peace by its extremist policy. Furthermore, all subsequent peace initiatives, including the Reagan initiative, were not comprehensive, because they failed to link Israel's security needs and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. Israel is also trying to turn the Palestinian issue into a strictly Arab problem which could be resolved without involving the occupied Arab territories in such a solution.

Cruise plans provoke furore in Canada

By Paul Majendie

OTTAWA - Plans to test the U.S. cruise missile over Canada's frozen north have provoked a growing furore but Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau shows no sign of bowing to public pressure on the

An opinion poll showed 52 per cent of Canadians are against testing. Church leaders have called on Trudeau to say no and more than 80,000 people took to the streets recently in a national display of resistance to the cruise.

So the prime minister, concerned that his Liberal government's case has not been put forcefully enough, took the unusual step of writing a five-page open letter to newspaper editors explaining why he thought testing

should go ahead.

Trudeau, 15 years in power as NATO's longest-serving prime minister, said Canada must play its part in the Western Alliance and support the NATO "two-track" policy of deploying missiles in Western Europe while pushing for reductions at U.S.-Soviet arms

He also rebuked the growing Western peace movement for not turning its attention more to the threat of Soviet SS-20's.

"The Soviet Union has deployed hundreds of new SS-20 missiles, each equipped with three nuclear warheads, capable of reaching all the great cities of Western Europe. However, there has been no significant outburst of public opposition, either inside or outside the USSR," he wrote.

Last February, the United States and Canada signed an umb-

paved the way for the ground-Alberta, a vast western province considered ideal by the Pentagon because its flatlands are similar to Soviet terrain.

A separate accord has to be signed on cruise testing and Trudeau, his eyes firmly on the domestic political scene, has said Canada's final answer would depend on whether the United States showed enough commitment to arms reductions in negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Also in talks late last month in Washington with President Reagan, Trudeau publicly pledged continued support of U.S. policy in the Geneva nuclear arms red-

The Canadian peace movement certainly does not boast the same

million-strong anti-nuclear rally hugging cruise to be tested over in New York's Central Park last summer or sent tens of thousands of protesting women to circle a U.S. air base in Britain.

> But the movement has gathered momentum with the most impressive display, by Canadian standards, being the appearance on the streets late last month of more than 80,000 protesters for rallies from Vancouver to Toronto.

> About 2,500 women, in a gesture of solidarity with the demonstrators at Greenham Common in Britain, defied a ban by the Canadian mounties and ringed the Ottawa parliament building.

> Protesters have put up a small peace camp of ramshackle tents and sleeping bags outside the House of Commons while demonstrators constantly rise in par-

rella defence agreement that depth of support that produced a liament's public gallery to yell "refuse the cruise" slogans.

Jim Stark, head of a group calcampaigned successfully last year to have a question on disarmament included on ballot papers in municipal elections.

"It was on the ballot in 123 municipalities, cities and towns. One million votes were cast and 76.5 per cent were in favour of disarmament," Stark said.

He said allowing the cruise tests in Canada is "like building furnaces for Hitler. The buck has got to stop somewhere. Our nation could do its small part and say

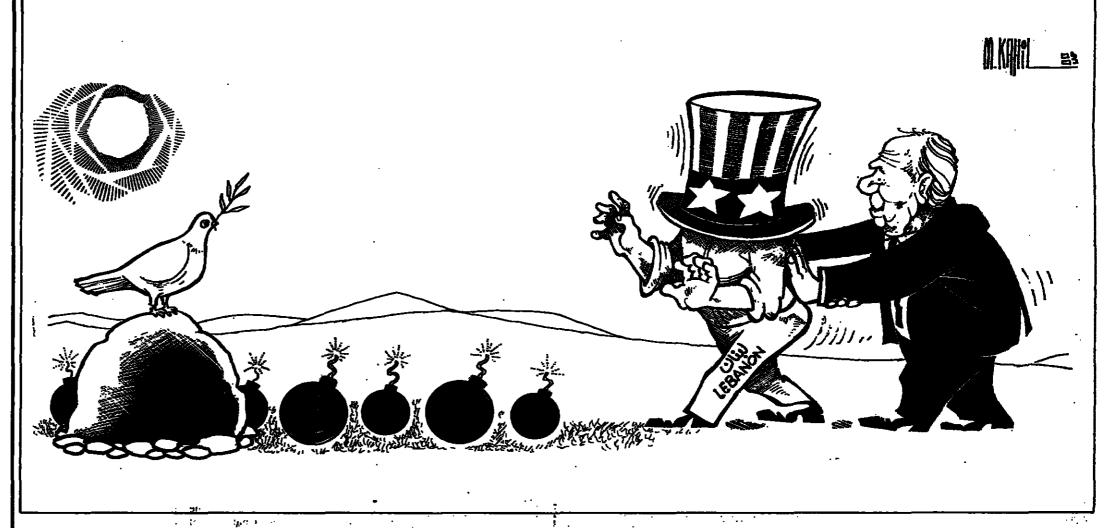
Back in the 1970s, Trudeau calnew nuclear weapons systems while still at the drawing board Alberta.

But in his open letter, the Canadian leader conceded that his strling itself Operation Dismantle, ategy "was rejected by the Soviet Union as evidenced by the continued deployment of the SS-

> "There was no question of urging its acceptance by the NATO countries alone. That is why we allied ourselves with the two-track strategy of our NATO partners,"

> Despite a wave of protests from the peace movement, the first cruise and Pershing-2 missiles are expected to be deployed in West Europe in December.

With Canada so clearly committed to NATO, the cruise could led at the United Nations for a also be skimming across the Arctic "suffocation policy" of curtailing tundra next winter to the aptly named cold lake testing site in



Arms continue to pour into Central America

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY - Despite ringing appeals for an end to the arms race in Central America, the volatile region has turned into one of the world's fastest growing markets for instruments of death.

Over the past decade, arms supplies to Central America have risen tenfold, according to Western estimates. Colombian President Belisario Betancur recently said a million dollars' worth of weapons were being pumped into

the region every day. With three out of Central America's six countries now fighting guerrilla conflicts and two -Honduras and Nicaragua - sliding towards open conventional war, the region appears close to its biggest infusion of military har-

dware yet. "It's only a matter of time before Honduras and Nicaragua beef up their air forces," said a Western intelligence officer in Central America, "and adding power to one arm of the forces usually leads

to increases in others." If past patterns of warfare in

weapons will mean more civilian deaths. Civilians have been the main victims of the civil wars in El Salvador and Guatemala as well as the nascent guerrilla conflict in

According to church and human rights organisations, about 9,000 civilians died in Central American violence last year - roughly four

times as many as soldiers. Over the past few years, the leading arms supplier to the region has been the United States. Others ranged from France and Israel

to Libya, Cuba and indirectly the Soviet Union. The latest newcomer to the Central American market is Brazil. The head of the Brazilian state-controlled aircraft company Embraer recently told Reuters he

was hoping to sell 10 military aircraft to Honduras. Embraer President Ozires Silva estimated Honduras would pay at least \$15 million for two maritime patrol aircraft and eight propeller-engine trainers capable

of serving in a ground attack role. "In global terms," said a European military attache in Central America, "This area is small beer. Central America continue, more There aren't billions of dollars

involved like in the Middle East. But demand for weapons is steady and growing."

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, arms deliveries to Central America totalled \$30 million in 1970/71. Ten years later, the figure had risen to \$300 million and accounted for a third of supplies to all of Latin America.

The trend is upward, international arms trade experts say, not least because the chief antagonists in Central America's prolonged conflicts have little faith in negotiations.

In El Salvador, both the 24,000-strong U.S.-backed army and its 1,500 left-wing guerrilla adversaries are pressing for a military solution. In Guatemala, leftist insurgents have turned down an amnesty plan despite military reverses.

In Nicaragua, the left-wing goverament has vowed to wipe out right-wing insurgents it says have been armed and financed by the United States and enjoy the backing of the Honduran army.

Since the early 1980s, arms supplies to Central America have increased sharply against a bac-

kground of U.S. assertions that the area has become an East-West battleground, with Nicaragua initiating Communist destabilisation

attempts from the Panama canal to Mexico. The flow of weapons increased after the revolutionaries now running Nicaragua ousted U.S.backed dictator Anastasio Somoza and redrew the political map of Central America.

The revolutionaries' victory in the Nicaraguan civil war encouraged guerrillas in El Salvador and Guatemala and prompted the U.S. to seek a replacement to what had been its closest ally in Central

America, Somoza's Nicaragua. Since he fell, U.S. military aid to neighbouring Honduras has more than trebled, according to the U.S. Defence Department. Form 1980 to 1982, Honduras received some \$25 million worth of U.S. arms -roughly two and a half times as much as in the preceding 20 years.

Meanwhile, Nicaragua converted the guerrilla force which won the civil war into conventional armed forces three times as large as the defeated dictator's army and began receiving Soviet-made weapons from such suppliers as Libya and Cuba. But friends of Moscow were not

the only sellers: in December, 1981. France agreed to deliver \$18 million worth of helicopters. rocket-launchers, surface-to-air missiles and two missile patrol

The agreement spotlighted policy differences between the United States and most of Western Europe as well as the fact that where there is a buyer, there is a seller in the international arms trade.

Western experts predict that major fresh sales to Honduras and Nicaragua would signal a new round in the arms race in all of Central America, with the introduction of heavier weapons.

So far, not one of Central America's armies fields heavy artillery or modern tanks. The guerrillas are armed chiefly with assault rifles, mortars and rocket-launchers.

Nicaragua has an air force of only eight combat planes and 20 aircraft altogether, including three Soviet-supplied transport hel-

Honduras, however, has the

strongest air force in Central America, according to the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies. Its 25 combat aircraft include Frenchbuilt Super Mystere ground attack aircraft and U.S.-made A-37 Dragonflies.

Honduras bought its Super Mysteres from Israel, which in turn received them from France in 1956 and updated them before selling them to Honduras in 1976.

Western diplomatic sources say Israel is now hoping to supply a squadron of its Kfir C-2 fighters to Honduras. This was discussed when Israel's then Defence Minister, Ariel Sharon, visited Tegucigalpa in December.

The Kfir would be the most powerful aircraft in Central America and its sale, diplomats say. would almost certainly lead to Nicaragua getting Soviet-buillt Mig fighter-bombers.

Because the Kfir is powered by U.S.-built General Electric engines. Washington has to endorse any sales. According to recent U.S. press reports, Israel has applied for approval and the request is being considered.

Empty chairs highlight problems of Irish forum

By Colin McIntyre

DUBLIN — The empty chairs of absent guests will highlight the problems facing the new Ireland forum, Dublin's latest bid to settle the age-old Irish problem, when it opens later May.

Twenty-eight people, loosely representing some 80 per cent of the people of Ireland, north and south, are due to sit down together to discuss a blueprint for a new united Ireland when the forum opens on May 30.

They will be drawn from Ireland's three main political parties, north, who have been barred for Fine Gael, Labour and Fianna Fail and the moderate Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) from Northern Ireland, all of them Catholic and nationlist.

Conspiciously absent will be delegates of that missing 20 per cent, the one million-strong Protestant majority in British-ruled Northern Ireland without whose agreement no united Ireland seems conceivable.

Northern Protestants, who tend to be staunchly pro-British, have branded the forum as everything from a farce to a frontal assault on their traditional way of life and have sent their invitations to attend back to Dublin unopened.

Critics of the forum say the absence of the Protestants means it will be nothing more than a gathering of the converted boycotted by those they should be con-

Also missing will be Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas fighting to end British rule in the refusing to renounce violence.

Other absentees are the small left-wing Workers Party represented in both parts of Ireland, which sees the forum as a political lifeline to help the SDLP win back Catholic votes from Sinn Fein, and the Non-Sectarian Alliance Party. which is unionist in outlook.

The man chosen to chair the forum, Galway University Prethe dangers that it could become Paisley said recently: "I don't talk little more than a talking shop but believes it can play a useful role. "Every journey has a first step

and I see the forum as a first step towards putting the models, the options into focus," he said rec-Noting that other divided cou-

ntries had solved their problems. he said: "We Irish cannot be that unique, we're all members of the same species." Both parts of Ireland were

being bled dry by the cost of mai- the first time. ntaining security, he said adding that many problems faced by the that even this limited objective republic could be traced to the Northern Ireland problem.

appointment that northern Protestants were boycotting the forum, he hoped that what he called "concerned individuals" in the north could be persuaded to put their views to it, to help it get a balanced view.

If he was thinking of hard-line Protestants like the Reverend Ian sident Colm O Heocha, is aware of Paisley, this may be a faint hope. to withdraw from the province.

to elected representatives of the Irish parliament because they want to claim the part of the country I am living in.

"No amount of legislation by Dublin is going to bring about a united Ireland," Paisley said.

SDLP leader John Hume, who sparked off the Dublin initiative by proposing a similar all-Ireland council, believes that even without the northern unionists the forum could be valuable in coordinating the views of Irish nationalists for

But there are many who feel may be difficult, if not impossible to achieve, in view of major ide-While O Heocha expressed dis- ological differences as well as deep personal animosity between Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald and opposition leader Charles Haughey,

Haughey believes only an external solution to the Northern Ireland question worked out between London and Dublin is feasible, involving a clear British decision

Fitzgerald on the other hand sees a solution coming about through a change of attitudes in Northern Ireland, with a proportion of the unionist population agreeing voluntarily to join a United Ire-

The Irish leader sought to underpin this policy last year by announcing a "constitutional crusade" to rid the Irish constitution of sectarian overtones offesnive to northern Protestants.

The Crusade has however run into serious trouble over a campaign for a constitutional amendment that would strengthen an existing ban on abortion in the south. Fitzgerald initially supported the campaign, then had second thoughts when the Protestant churches in Ireland con-

demned it as sectarian. A more neutral wording was rejected by members of his Fine Gael-Labour coalition and defeated in parliament, allowing the original wording to go through leaving Fitzgerlad's prestige and the constitutional crusade in tat-.

There is also a fear that Haughey, a skilled but ruthless politician, might try to use the forum to score political points by portraying his Fianna Fail Party as more republican than Fine Gael.

Former SDLP leader Gerry Fitt was quoted as saying any such party wrangling over republican credentials would put off even moderate opinion in the north and doom the forum.

The participants in the forum are however under considerable pressure to make a success of it, for nationalist failure to agree among themselves on the shape of a new Ireland would be a huge

setback to the republican cause. Failure would also put pressure on the SDLP to come out of its political isolation and join the Northern Ireland assembly, Britain's latest attempt at powersharing in the province.

The SDLP and other nationlist groups are boycotting the assembly because they say it gives no place to their aspirations for a united Ireland.

WEST BANK REPORTS: Nablus' young men wear their scars proudly

By Andrew Gilmour Special to the Jordan Times

NABLUS - "You must be crazy," someone yelled at me.
"Don't you realise that this part of the city is under curfew?"

The answer was no. of course. I had only recently got out of the bus at Nablus and had just walked through what looked to be the most interesting part, the old city. Admittedly I had thought it odd that I had seen no one and that the steets were so filthy (owing to the prohibition of rubbish collections) but neither had I seen any soldiers. I explained that I had acted out of ignorance rather than bravado.

"Well look at this," he said. undoing his shirt. "Eight months ago I got these four bullet holes. Actually this one here is just the scar of a bullet which did not fully enter. But this one, this one, and this one needed operations to extract them. How did it happen? I was visiting Jelazon refugee camp. Just like you. I didn't know it was

under curfew. "I had gone about twenty yards

when I reached a cross-road. Tomy left I saw three Israeli soldiers. Without any warning, one of them threw himself on the ground, commando-style, and began firing his American M-16 at me as if I was target practice. I was stunned even before the bullets hit me. But I knew that if I knelt for mercy I would be killed. So I pulled myself together and ran. Of course I ran into the arms of more soldiers, but they didn't shoot me and I was taken to hospital. And interviewed by German television," he added with pride. "As you can see, these two bullets only just missed my heart. Of course I became a hero in the town, but it means that I will never be allowed to go to university abroad. Just showing my body would do harm to the Israelis."

As we were talking, four army trucks rattled through into the old city. Some fifty men jumped out waving their guns and swinging

their truncheond. "You're lucky you didn't meet that lot when you standardised thing about it is that walked through. I think we'd better move on as it is.". He offered to show me around, introduce me to people and tell me about the situation in Nablus.

The ever-present shadows over

the town are symbolised by the two huge buildings just on the way in. Built by the British after the 1936 revolt, they are still symbols of foreign domination; one being the military headquarters and the other the local prison. As if this was not enough, there is also Al Fara. If you ask people from Nab-lus what Al Fara is, they reply, Do you know about Al Ansar camp?" The people of Nablus firmly believe that the treatment meted out in Al Fara in similar to what we read about in the death camps in South Lebanon. And having talked to many of its onetime inmated and seen their scars, it is quite possible to believe they

are right.

it is always the same people who have to go there. On their blacklist the Israelis will include about five people from each school in the town. Whenever there is trouble from that school, it is always the same five who are hauled away, regardless of where they were at the time. They are taken to the military headquarters until it is dark, when they are driven to Al

Here, on arrival, they are stripped and beaten. Each cell has to contain thirty of them. After eighteen days they are naturally less clean than they were when they entered. The Israeli soldiers hold their noses when they pass and call them "smelly Arab animals". The only words of Arabic used by the soldiers are swear words. Names are absolutely forbidden. Even among themselves the prisoners have to refer to each other by numbers.

The standard sentence at Al Humiliation and dehumanisation are the tactics emploved by the occupying forces, and they remind one of such Nazi practices as forcing Jews to pin yellow stars on their chests, expecting them to be seen as symbols of shame. Instead, the Jews wore their stars as badges of pride. And it is the same in the West Bank. The more the Arabs are humiliated, the prouder they become of their ability to stand the privations and punishments which they are forced to bear.

Every single one of the dozen or

so young men 1 met in Nablus, either had bullet wounds somewhere on their bodies or had done time in Al Fara. One of them was nick-named 'Molotov' after he threw a Molotov Cocktail at a armoured vehicle. He spent a whole year in Al Fara for this offence. Another boy had been beaten so hard that he had confessed to something that he had not done in order to stop the pain. Naturally they beat him all the harder afterwards. A third had problems

recently received for refusing to clean out the vast communal latrine. He had been beaten for five days with piping, then laid on the floor while the largest guard in the camp was ordered to jump up and down on his back. Yet this boy was lucky. Last month Jamal Ahmad Sa'ud was caught outside during curfew. He was detained and beaten, in the process of which his spine was broken and he died. No explanation was given and the mourning family were not even allowed to open the house or hold the required religious rites for the

Throwing stones is the one violent means of expression still practicable for the West Bank Arabs. They use it to good effect, although the retribution they incur far outweighs the material damage they can cause. I asked them how they differentiated between the yellow number plates of the Jew-ish settlers and those of the Arab

walking after the punishment he residents of East Jerusalem. They nessed the incident. The secanswered that they assumed that ondary school at which Samir was the car belonged to a settler, threw a pupil is next to the main road. A some stones and if the driver pan- low wall separates the pavement icked they continued. If, on the from the slope running down to other hand, he remained calm and the playground. Samir was statried to signal to them, then they inding on the roadside with two friwould stop. Some of the Israelis ends when an army vehicle passed. have caught onto this and now wear keffiyehs when they drive through certain places in the Occupied Territories.

The black and white "Fatah"

Keffiyeh was the last symbol of

resistance which the West Ban-

kers could flaunt without punishment. Now, along with Palestinian flags. PLO emblems. photographs of Sabra-Shatilla and pendants in the shape of Palestine. they are illegal in the possession of Undoubtedly the biggest single tragedy I heard of was the story of

young Samir Tusla met his

end last January. It was recounted

to me at the actual spot by one of

his closest friends who had wit-

and the three of them scattered. Samir jumping over the wall and running towards the school. The vehicle stopped, soldiers jumped out, and one of them leant over the parapet and calmly shot the fleeing Samir in the back. The boy continued for a few yards and then collapsed at the basket-ball goalpost. The soldier covered the rest of the play-ground with his gun

One of the other two threw a stone

help of the dying boy. Before the corpse was removed, some of his friends wrote the single word "Samir" on the goalpost. It is still possible to see traces of the medium they used -- the dead boy's blood.

and forbade anyone to go to the

OIC celebrates 14 years of defending Islamic interests

By Habib Chatti .

Secretary-General, Organisation of the Islamic Conference

JEDDAH — The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) came into being 14 years ago as an expression of the will power of the leaders and peoples of the Islamic Ummah. Although the original idea came as a reaction to the criminal Zionist attempt to burn down al-Aosa Mosque in 1389 H (1969), the establishment of OIC fulfilled a long-felt need to have an organ that served Muslim Ummah's interest, and defended

Accordingly, the objectives of the organisation as enshrined in its charter, include the strengthening of solidarity and cooperation among member states, the defense of their causes including, first and foremost the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the coordination of work for the safeguard and liberation of the holy shrines.

While a considerable part of the organisation's work and energy has been devoted to political activities in view of the huge implications of political issues facing the Islamic ummah, the organisation has, at the same time, been anxious to set up institutions.

various specialised functions and preoccupations to coordinate work for the development of Islamic solidarity and for providing Islamic state leaders with an opportunity to meet on a permanent basis to discuss the affairs of Muslims throughout the world. study their situation and work for

In the political field, the organisation has placed the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif in the forefront of its activities as it concerns Muslims throughout the world, and not the Palestinians or Arabs alone, and on account of the fact that Al-Quds and Pal-

committees, organs, centres for estine area a second homeland to every Muslim in addition to his country of origin.

With regard to the Palestine issue, the organisation carried out intensive action both inside Islamic countries (to make these countries put an element of pressure on the states which support Israel) and outside Islamic coutheir advancement and prosperity. nuries by making direct contacts with the highest authorities and heads of state in the West, in the Vatican City and in the United Nations. Similarly. Al-Quds Committee, headed by King Hassan II of Morocco has conducted intensive action and deployed huge efforts on the international front at both the political and informational levels, to make the standing of Al-Quds better known to the Islamic Ummah, and to safeguard the Arab and Islamic heritage of this holy city.

The organisation continues to play all active role at the intemational level with regard to the Afghanistan problem, to exert pressure on the Soviet Union (which occupies that Islamic homeland) and also to exhort Islamic states to provide bilateral assistance to the valiant Afghan people. In addition, the organisation provides assistance to the refugees from that hapless country.

The organisation has ceaselessly striven to bring the lraq-Iran war to an end form the outset. Although the Islamic Peace Committee set up by the organisation has not yet brought about a settlement of the dispute. has nonetheless made notpeace. Indeed, the peace plan presented to both parties may be regarded as a sound basis for ending the war and establishing lasting peace between the two brotherly states.

The organisation is also devoting continuous attention to the issue of Muslims in southern Philippines together with all issues concerning Muslim minorities in other countries. In addition to this activities in all the fields covered



Secretary-General Habib Chatti

by its various institutions, organs and centres.

In the economic field it has established the Islamic Development Bank which is working actively and competently for the development of Islamic countries. The other organs set up for the same purpose are the Ankara Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre, the Casablanca Islamic Centre for Development of Trade and the Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange.

The organisation also oversees the development project in Islamic countries being implemented by the funds provided by Saudi Arabia. Kuwait and the UAE of which the budget is \$2.1 billion.

general agreement on economic cooperation among member states, which may be considered as a framework for action in all economic sectors. Within this general framework other sectoral agreements on the guarantee of investments, the Islamic Ship Owners Association and the Islamic Cou-

ncil of Civil Aviation. In the cultural and social field. other countries. In addition to this the organisation has set up the Isl-the organisation has been faithfully amic Solidarity Fund with a view and selflessly conducting intensive to raising the cultural and social standards of Muslims, providing

financial assistance to Islamic minorities and communities and contributing to the construction of mosques. hospitals, cultural and educational institutes, such as the Islamic University of Uganda and the Islamic College of Chicago.

The organisation has also established the Islamic States Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) which started operations a year ago in Rabat, the Jeddah-based Islamic Karachi Islamic Chamber of Foundation for Science, Technology and Development, the Istanbul-based Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research. Within a few days we will witness the emergence of a sports federation of Islamic Solidarity Games in Riyadh.

In the informational field, the organisation has established the Islamic International News Agenev and the Islamic States Broadcasting Organisation.

Many more organs and institutions have been set up by the organisation. Thus, the OIC has become an international body working on the Islamic scene for the strengthening of ties among Islamic states in all fields and for the defense and support of Islamic

-- Arab News

Bikes mean self-help for refugees in Sudan

By Andrew Hill

GEDAREF. Sudan - Simon Etherton is not everyone's idea of what a foreign aid worker helping

refugees looks like or does. For a start he dresses in "punk" clothes -- baggy tartan trousers blond hair jutting out over his eyes

like a shop's awning. Unlike many other aid workers

year-old Englishman does not

he is easy to pick out among the white-robed Sudanese, their donkeys and the herds of vagrant goats which feed on piles of refuse blown before the hot wind in this dusty border town. But what makes him different

is that he does not dispense food repair bicyles. It is, in the jargon of the Intemational Labour Organisation

(ILO), an income-generating proworld's 10 million refugees. The United Nat

"One of the myths we are trying spinning. to destroy is that of refugees sitfood handouts," says Scotsman Catholic-sponsored Sudan Aid

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NIGHT DUTY

Dr. Mohammad Musa Al Abbadi

AMMAN:

grammes in the many settlements on the border with Ethiopia.

generation is giving people hope, keeping them occupied and bri-

shop in Tawawa, a settlement for

their own bicycle one day and work on nearby state farms to earn the cash for a heavy-duty Indian or Chinese road bike.

There are about 140 bikes around here but there will be mhave a four-wheel drive vehicle ore". says Etherton, who works advertising the agency he works for Project Trust, a British organisation which encourages young school leavers to work in the Third World for the benefit of both the

His shop employs three refugees who should eventually take their skills to their own enterprises, employ more people and so create further productive emp-

four or five bicycles a day and also sells spare parts. "When I leave or medicine. Instead, Simon Eth- this year there will be three guys erton teaches refugees how to who know about bikes and a stock

ention to designing and making wheel-chairs from bicycle parts. ject and reflects a growing trend of They will sell for about half the thought about the future of the normal retail price in the capital. Khartoum.

Commissioner for Refugees seminar on such projects in Kha-

In all he estimates that 100 famreturn to their home countries for ilies in the region are taking part in both economic and political rea- income-generating projects such as soap-making, metalwork and

'He oversees many of the sch-Project. which runs similar pro- job." he says.

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The Islamic Charitable Makasad Hospital in occupied Jerusalem, built with OIC aid.

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Polklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a col-lection of paintings, ceramica, and sculoture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh, Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Reven of 1916. Sports Chy, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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Etherton runs a bicycle repair

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Apple (Starken) 270 / 200	Mallow 200 / 100
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Beans (broad) 130 / 100	Oranges 200 / 160
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Cabbage 80 / 60	Pears
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Cauliflower (white) 270 / 200	Pepper (Sweet)
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Grapefruit 150 / 120	Turnip 180 / 150
Grapes 1200 / 1000	Watermelon (Indian) 300 / 250

SPORTS

Benfica seeks UEFA Cup victory

LISBON (R) — Sven Eriksson, Swedish trainer of last season's surprise winners Gothenburg. looks set to achieve a notable double when his new club Benfica meet Belgium's Anderlecht in the second leg of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup final

Eriksson, who performed something of a minor miracle a year ago when he schemed Gothenburg's 3-0 away win over Hamburg to secure Sweden's first European trophy, has a less daunting task Wednesday in attempting to overturn Anderlecht's 1-0 first-leg lead.

But Eriksson may regard Real Madrid's 2-1 defeat by Aberdeen of Scotland in last week's Eur- Belgians are highly dangerous in

opean Cup Winners' Cup final as a cautionary tale. Like Real, Benfica have a great tradition having reached five European Cup finals in the sixties but the Spaniards found their reputation alone was not enough.

Eriksson is likely to demand and get far more from his players than Alfredo di Stefano did from Real Madrid a week ago. He put the team through a high-speed final training session Tuesday, concentrating on giving a good service to Yugoslav striker Filipovic who has recovered from a leg injury.

Eriksson identified the main threat to his side when he said: 'We cannot afford to make any mistakes in defence because the

Also in Benfica's favour is their recent domestic form. At the weekend they beat Al Cobaca 8-1 and now look certain to win the Portuguese championship while Anderlecht were dislodged from the top of the Belgian table after losing 2-1 to F.C. Liege, their first home defeat of the season.

Danish striker Kenneth Brylle, who scored Anderlecht's first-leg goal, remains confident that his club can upset Benfica. "I promise you that I shan't let the smallest opportunity slip in Lisbon," he

All 75,000 seats in the Luz stadium have been sold and the gate of 80 million escudos (\$9 million) will be a Portuguese record.

Kissinger to present U.S. case for World Cup finals

NEW YORK (R) - Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said Tuesday he was still hopeful that the United States would stage the 1986 World Cup soccer finals despite indications that Mexico has been virtually guaranteed it will be selected as the host cou-

Kissinger, chairman of the U.S. World Cup Organising Committee, told a press conference that he would be among a 10member American delegation which will make a strong presentation to the International Football Federation (FIFA) which meets in Stockholm on Fri-

FIFA's executive committee

from the Swedish capital. "I think we have a very strong case which we have never had the chance to present," Kissinger said. "And I believe we will be able to show FIFA that we can carry out

the games with distinction." Kissinger said he was hopeful that the FIFA executive committee might delay its decision and agree to inspect proposed venues in the United States.

"The United States has never been given the opportunity to show its facilities to FIFA," said Kissinger, "And we hope that the FIFA committee might delay its decision and still inspect our facilities. We believe we have a very will announce the World Cup site strong case and that it is good eno- New York Cosmos.

Higueras confirms fitness

ches, veteran Italian golden boy

crowd swept Panatta through the

first set, but Arraya broke back in

the second by exploiting his opp-

were beyond Panatta's powers to

reach, while his lobs found the Ita-

Young Frenchman Thierry Tul-

The Peruvian's precise shots

onent's excess weight.

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for Italian Tennis Open

Spain, number one seed at the Ita- Andriano Panatta bowed out

lian Men's Open Tennis Cha- early from what was probably his

mpionships. Tuesday confirmed. last Italian Open when he went

he was fit to play his second round down 1-6, 6-4, 7-5 to Peru's Pablo

match against Australian teenager Arraya.

Higueras, currently ranked

seven in the world, complained of

a sore shoulder after losing to

Yannick Noah of France in the

final of the Hamburg Open on

Sunday. He and the other seven

top seeds all received byes to the

In Tuesday's first round mat-

second round here.

lost and cancelled.

ugh on its merits for the World Cup to be awarded to the U.S."

The U.S. effort has been endorsed by President Reagan who last week accepted an invitation from Kissinger to serve as honorary chairman of the U.S. World Cup Organising Committee.
Also last week, the U.S. House

of Representatives voted unanimously to urge FIFA to visit proposed sites in the United States and to consider the U.S. application.

The U.S. case will be presented by Kissinger and five other members of the American delegation which includes former West German captain Franz Beckenbauer and Pele, his former team mate at

Open against Victor Pecci of Par-

аттау of well-placed lobs and pas-

sing shots until late in the second

set, when Pecci staged a brief but

The Italian crowd was consoled

for Panatta's demise by Francesco

Cancellotti, 19, who knocked out

Schapers in the next round.

futile stand.

Championship.

thington have been on the verge of international recognition for some time and get their chance because Jimmy Nicholl, one of the regulars, is not being brought over from North American League team Toronto Blizzards.

Worthington has been in the lrish squad on two previous occasions without winning a cap but asne booked his passage to the second round by repeating his last Hagan is included for the first week's victory in the Florence

Irish manager Billy Bingham has his main strike force of Gerry Tulasne, 19, broke Pecci's serve Armstrong, Billy Hamilton and Norman Whiteside on duty for the first time since last year's World the points with an impressive

> forward to operating with this trio again particularly as it will enable Armstrong to play in his best position as a deep lying centre for-

Scotland (May 24) and home to England (May 28) and Wales (May 31).

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England names 5 newcomers in soccer squad

LONDON (R) - England manager Bobby Robson Tuesday named five uncapped players in a 22-strong squad for the forthcoming British Soccer Championship.

They are defenders Danny Thomas, Mark Wright and Graham Roberts, and strikers John Barnes and Paul Waish.

Robson has recalled midfielder Glenn Hoddle and included striker Peter Withe, who suffered a fractured cheekbone when England beat Hungary 2-0 in last month's European Championship match at Wembley.

The fracture, and a knee injury which later proved not too serious, had seemed certain to rule out

Robson said: "His performance against Hungary, when he scored his first England goal, was such that I felt he deserved to be inc-

Hoddle, in England's World Cup finals squad last year, has experienced chequered international fortunes and last played for his country against Luxembourg in December.

England are away to Northern Ireland (May 28) and home to Scotland (June 1).

Ireland calls up uncapped defenders

BELFAST (R) - Northern Ireland have named two uncapped defenders in a 17-strong squad for the forthcoming British Soccer

Jim Hagan and Nigel Wor-

Cup finals. Bingham said: "I'm looking

Northern Ireland are away to

15-year-old American Aaron Krickstein 7-6, 6-2, and is due to Corfu town are cheered on, in a cricket and a soft drink similar to meet Dutch newcomer Michiel

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'No normal sport in an abnormal society', South African says

CAPE TOWN — Nine years ago veteran South African coloured (mixed race) sports administrator Hassan Howa told the world that as far as South Africa was concerned there could be "no normal sport in an abnormal society".

Today the man who coined this most stinging of anti-apartheid slogans remains unrepentant in his

As far as Howa is concerned South African society is just as abnormal as ever with its laws still proclaiming racial separation in ilmost every walk of life.

Howa's views take on an added importance in light of a recent spate of rebel sporting tours, with, the successful visit by a team of West Indian cricketers probably the most significant.

In addition, South African sports administrators have argued with increasing vehemence that sport in South Africa is now fully racially integrated.

But Howa dismisses such claims contemptuously, maintaining that all moves by government-recognised bodies to prove that sport is integrated here are a sham that cannot hide racial oppression.

Born 61 year ago of Indian and coloured parents, Howa has been fighting his cause for more than a

quarter of a century.

ause of policy differences, he still heads the affiliated South African Cricket Board.

The board stands in fierce opposition to the white-dominated South African Cricket Union, which itself has spurned racial discrimination. Last year, the union paid thousands of dollars to bring the non-white teams from the West Indies and Sri Lanka to tour.

Howa speaks bitterly of the visits which he sees as part of an orchestrated attempt to convince the world that South Africa is changing and shedding apartheid. 'These changes are

cosmetic--we can prove this everyday," he told Reuters at his home just outside Cape Town. Howa related a recent incident

about an Indian playing for a White Cape town cricket club. Although allowed on the field with his team during an away game, he was refused a drink in the clubbouse afterwards and was asked to wait outside while everyone else was served.

A talkative, ebullient man, Howa is prepared to relate an endless stream of such incidents. He points out that while the government is prepared to let players of different races compete together, it still forbids them from living together, marrying, or even

swimming from the same beach. Until 1981, he was president of the non-racial South African They bring us (non-whites) out

Council of Sport (SACOS). Although he resigned the post because when they need us and hide us away when they don't."

Howa himself has been forbidden from delivering his views overseas. Invited to London recently to debate a possible tour by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), his passport application was refused-the eighth time this has happened.

He made his mark attempting to establish multi-racial sport in the 1950s. Until that time, non-white competition was run on strictly ethnic lines with separate leagues for Indians, blacks, coloureds and those of Malay slave descent.

An early controversial move of his was to block a proposed tour by West Indian cricketers in 1958. The visitors were to have played non-white teams here, an event Howa saw having wider imp-

lications for the cricketing world. "There was a lot of talk about setting up a second tier of intemational cricket for black South Africa, India, Pakistan and so on. The tour would have led to the

export of apartheid." Since then, SACOS has set up a wide variety of sports leagues open to all races. It still has Howa's firm support, although he opposes the punitive actions, such as life bans, that it hands out to players who take part in non-SACOS sport.

"I agree with SACOS' principles and causes, but not its ideology. SACOS wants to tell peo-

ginger beer. "Our ancestors saw

ple what to do. I think we should educate them."

Apart from maintaining his stand against the government recognised sports bodies. Howa also insists that the worldwide sports boycott of South Africa must con-

"It's been constructive for those here who don't have privileges, and will continue to be," he says of the boycott which has gathered pace since an England cricket team containing South Africanborn coloured player Basil d'Olivera was banned by the government in 1968. Asked about the warm rec-

eption which the recent West Indian tour received in many quarters overseas, Howa dismissed claims that it was a victory for those who oppose him.

How can they be winning?--If they were, they wouldn't have to pay all that money to get blacks to come here," he said.

A man who cheerfully admits to his own impatience, Howa is nevertheless happy with the progress his movement has made over the

"I'm encouraged by the attitude of the man in the street. People come up to me and say don't give in, keep on trying."

And despite a series of heart attacks which have kept him out of regular work for many years, . Howa insists he has no intention of giving up his fight yet.

Cricket wins new fans on Greek island

By Bruce Clark

CORFU - Cricket baffles the French, bores the Americans and leaves the mainland Greeks cold. but on this lush green island off Greece's west coast the game has

never been more popular. In the last five years, the number of cricket clubs has jumped from two to six and the sport, a legacy of 50 years of British rule in wait for old players to die befthe nineteenth century, has won official recognition from the sports authorities in Athens.

An all-Greek cricket championship-only Corflots ever compete--is held here annually under the aegis of the Sports Ministry, and an international cricket festival has become a regular feature of the Island's sporting cal-

Matches on the earthen pitch

style more reminiscent of the Caribbean than of Britain, by crowds of up to 3,000 locals, plus any foreign tourists who happen to be.

Internationally qualified cricket coach Spiros Anemoviannis is delighted the sport has won so many new fans and estimates a record 300 young people are now active ·plavers. When we were young, we had

ore we could get on the team." Anemoviannis says, interviewed in a tiny clubhouse where the walls are emblazoned with the emblems of English amateur elevens.

The problem now is finding more nets to practise in." he adds. speaking Greek in the sing-song Italian accent that is characteristic of Corfu.

The British occupation of the island lasted from 1815 to 1864 that forms the central square of and left few other traces besides

came out and showed us how to play properly," he adds. Earlier this century, teams from visiting British navy ships kept the island's players up to scratch.

moviannis says.

Those visits are rarer now but the islanders have made up for it by inviting teams from England, Malta, Cyprus, the Netherlands and even Kuwait. Matches in Corfu are limited to

33 overs per side, but otherwise the international laws are followed to the letter.

"The laws have been faithfully translated into Greek," says Lakis Goustis, treasurer of the "Lord Byron" cricketers, one of the two oldest clubs on the island.

Today's young Corfiot cricketers have the advantage of spe-aking better English than their fathers, whose knowledge of the language is sometimes confined to such terms as wicket, pad and "maidy" (maiden) over.

"Young people just devour English-language cricket magthe British playing cricket and azines," says Lefteris Avgoustis, they were jealous," Anewho acts as a liaison man for Corfu's cricketers with the central When the British left, we stagovernment in Athens. "It comes rted playing a sort of cricket and with a higher level of education,' soon after that a British colonel he adds.

> He has won a promise from Athens of money to lay a grass pitch in the central square of Corfu town which would eliminate some of the hazards of playing on the hard earth surface. But the cricketers have so far

> resisted suggestions that matches be moved from the square with its stately arcades modelled on the Rue de Rivoli in Paris to other sites outside town. "It wouldn't be

> the same," Avgoustis says. Not far from the town, the English manager of the island's golf club complains that golf doesn't seem to suit the Greek temperament. "We have only four

> Greek members," he says. But this is far from being the case with cricket. Anemoyiannis affirms that while all sportsmen love their sport, the Corfiot "Kriketistas" is more attached to his

game than anyone else.

Holmes says he would fight Weaver, not Dokes

LAS VEGAS (R) — Larry Hol-mes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, said Tuesday he hoped to fight Mike Weaver in a title unification

The undefeated Holmes ind-Association (WBA) champion, did not beat current titleholder Michael Dokes in their fight in Las

Vegas on Friday.
"I wouldn't fight Dokes," he told reporters. "But I think Weaver will win it if goes past four

Holmes, who has held the WBC title for almost five years, meets icated that he would retire if Wea- .no. 3 ranked Tim Witherspoon in ver, the former World Boxing a championship bout on the same

Holmes, 33, who has won 30 of his 42 fights by knockout, said of the projected bout with Weaver: 'That will be my last fight, a title unification."

Dokes won the WBA title last December by halting Weaver in 63 seconds of the first round, but the WBA ruled that the referee acted too hastily in stopping the fight and ordered a rematch.

Holmes fought Weaver in 1979. and struggled before finally halting him in the 12th round.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers dump Spanish produce

NIMES, France (R) - About 200-French farmers stopped 12 Sapnish trucks carrying fruit and vegetables into France early Tuesday and empried the contents into the road in protest against the import of cheap Spanish produce. Police said the demonstrators, who had blocked the main road near this south-west French city during the night and the early hours of Tuesday morning, dumped one truckload of produce outside the Nimes prefecture. A spokesman for the farmers said they wanted the French government to speed up the process of Spain joining the European community.

Mitsui to continue Iranian project

TOKYO (R) - Iranian officials and Japan's Mitsui Group Tuesday signed a memorandum to resume work on a \$3.5 billion petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini in Iran, a Mitsui

World Bank backs Cyprus project

WASHINGTON (R) - The World Bank said Monday it has approved a \$16 million loan for a dam construction project on the Stavros Tis Psokas river in northwestern Cyprus. The Republic of Cyprus and project beneficiaries will provide \$27.1 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, towards the project.

Yugoslavia discovers oil

BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslavia has struck oil off its Adriatic coast in possibly commercial quantities, the daily newspaper Politika said Tuesday. It quoted sources in the Yugoslav oil company as saying that a 104 metre thick layer of oil had been discovered at a depth of 4,500 metres off the island of Dugi Otok.

West to reschedule Zambia's debt

PARIS (R) - Western governments have agreed to reschedule Zambia's foreign debt over 10 years with a grace period of five years, the French finance ministry said Monday. Agreement was reached following two days of talks in Paris between Zambia and its 12 creditors - Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. French government officials declined to detail the amount of Zambia's debt but sources close to the talks said it owed the 12 Western creditors around \$120 million in

Libya, Dublin set up joint council

DUBLIN (OPECNA) — A joint commission for cooperation between Ireland and Libya has been formally inaugurated here. Working groups have been set up for cooperation in key sectors, including trade, agriculture, technology, research, science and education. Libya last 98st imported cattle and other goods worth: S51 million from Ireland. A decline from a peak of \$76 million during the previous two years.

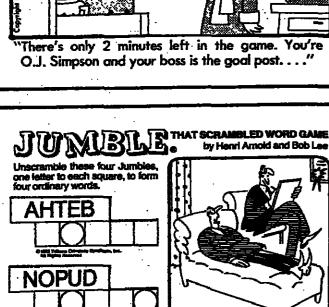
S. Arabia, Taiwan to hold meeting

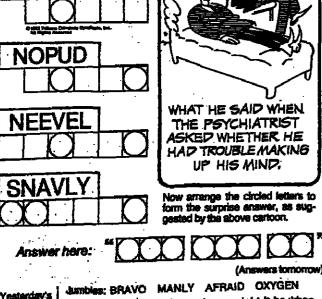
TAIPEI (R) - Saudi Arabia and Taiwan will hold an economic and technological conference here on May 19-25, an economic ministry official said Monday. A 17-member Saudi delegation. led by finance minister Sheikh Mohammad Abal Khail, will arrive on Wednesday to attend the annual ministerial conference, the official told Reuters. Economics Minister William Y.T. Chao will head the Taiwan delegation.

By Harris THE BETTER HALF, HARRIS

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Answer: What kind of experience might it be when you gamble away the rent money?— A "MOVING" ONE

EEC farmers get 4% price rise

Economic Community (EEC) governments Tuesday agreed long-overdue annual farm price rises, giving eight million impatient farmers a modest four per cent extra on average in 1983.

West German Agriculture Minister Ignaz Kiechle announced the settlement after 14 hours of allnight wrangling between farm not bowed to pressure from powministers, heading off a planned wave of protests by militant far-

Italy's high inflation rate.

Farm Commissioner Poul Dalsager, who drafted the package, told a news conference that he was delighted with the deal. "It's good news for the farmer, the consumer and the taxpayer," he said, adding that for the first time ministers had erful farm lobbies to hand out

Mr. Dalsager, backed by Britain The agreement came after the and West Germany, had insisted ministers resolved a serious throughout months of neg-Franco-German dispute over otiations that prices could not be farm trade, and satisfied Italian raised further because a pile-up of erful farmers took to the streets otiate," he said.

farmers to compensate them for was threatening to make the seven-week delay in agreeing higcommunity bankrupt.

The 4.2 per cent average price increase, less than half the extra handed out in 1982 and among the lowest for a decade, was nonetheless "fair and reasonable" for farmers, he said.

For the community's 280 million consumers it would mean increases in food prices of less than three per cent, and would put only about 0.5 per cent on the retail price index, he added.

Farm Minister Michel Rocard of France, where politically pow- maximum possible we could neg-

demands for a special deal for its surplus milk, butter and cereals Monday in protest against a her prices, also said he was satisfied with the accord.

> Mr. Rocard said that adjustments in the complex system used to translate unified community farm prices into community currencies meant that farmers in France, and several other countries, would in fact get more than the average increase.

"For French farmers it will give price increases in 1983/84 from about 7.9 to eight per cent... the

Dollar hits new record

LONDON (R) — The U.S. dollar lowing Monday night's 2.4618, continued its relentless rise on European foreign exchanges Tuesday, reaching a new high against the French franc for the second

consecutive day.

It was fixed at 7.4270 francs. nearly two centimes up on Monday's record fix of 7.4085.

Despite France's advocacy of official intervention, dealers said the Bank of France did not appear in the market.
In Frankfurt, however, as the

dollar also continued to rise agagave the currency limited support. The dollar reached 2.4680 marks shortly after opening, fol- June 9 general election.

but settled close to the higher figure by midsession.

The dealers said the dollar was supported by the now general belief that U.S. interest rates would not be lowered before the sevennation economic summit at Williamsburg, Virginia, at the end of

Sterling also showed a weaker tone against the dollar, trading around \$1.5550, its lowest for nearly a month.

UAE announces budget deficit

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE), hit by falling world demand for its crude oil, has announced a budget deficit of almost one billion dirhams (\$270 million) for the first four months of 1983.

UAE Finance Ministry Undersecretary Ahmad Al Tayer was quoted as saying in the daily Al Ittihad, that expenditure during those months totalied 5.52 billion dirhams (\$1.5 billion) while revenues were 4.53 billion dirhams (\$1.3 billion). Revenues have been badly hit

by both the drop in world oil prices and demand for the UAE's crude. The country's oil output was cut by 600,000 barrels a day under

quotas set in London last March by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

The seven-emirate federation's fiscal year starts in January but the budget for this year has not yet been finalised. Officials here have said spe-

50 per cent this year. Meanwhile, UAE official foreign exchange reserves rose to the million) in 1981.

nding would be slashed by about

this month.

Trading was quiet in London. inst the mark, the Bundesbank but dealers said there was some market unease over the most recent poll of voting intentions for the

> equivalent of 11.6 billion dirhams (\$3.09 billion) at the end of 1982 from 11.2 billion (\$2.98 billion) a year earlier, the UAE central

bank said Tuesday.

Its 1982 annual report said its gold holdings were unchanged at 677.5 million dirhams (\$180.2 million).

Narrowly-defined M-1 money supply, comprising each in circulation and bank current accounts, rose to 9.74 billion dirhams (\$2.59 billion) at the end of 1982 from 8.97 billion (\$2.39 billion) a year earlier. M-2 money supply, which also

includes time deposits, rose to 33.73 billion dirhams (\$8.97 billion) from 29.17 billion (\$7.76 bil-Broadly defined M-3, which also takes in government deposits.

rose to 43.64 billion dirhams (\$11.61 billion) from 41.30 billion (\$10.98 billion) at the end of The bank said its total assets

and liabilities rose by 3.6 per cent in 1982 to 14.6 billion dirhams (\$3.88 billion) while its net profit rose to one billion dirhams (\$266 million) from 883.4 million (\$235

This showed the lead of the rul- state spending programme to cut ing Conservatives had narrowed Britain's 12.7 per cent une-

from 15 per cent to seven per cent mployment rate. Many financial analysts say they over the opposition Labour Party. believe this programme would The poll coincided with publication of Labour's manifesto cal-ling for an £11 billion (\$17 billion) bring inflation up to 10-15 per cent from its current 4.6 per cent.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares closed narrowly mixed with a 0.9 pct fall in March U.K. industrial production having no immediate impact on a very quiet market, dealers said. The F.T. index for 1500 was

The fall on Wall Street Monday night and an opinion poll showing a reduced Conservative Party lead in the run up to next month's U.K. election caused an initial markdown but small buy-

ing interest left the market mixed.

Thomas Tilling, which has rejected the raised bid from BTR. was up 23p at 230 while BTR ended 6p down at 412 after 408. North American shares were narrowly mixed with a lower bias. Lloyds Bank gained 5p at 528 following interim results from its international arm. Despite higher provision for bad debts it made

a slight improvement in pretax profit, dealers said.

Whitbread shed 4p at 134 after annual results, while Thomas Borthwick was a penny higher on balance at 27p after half year figures. General Accident ended unchanged on 423 after 426 following first quarter figures showing a pretax profit of £8.9 million against £11.4 million loss. Fitch Lovell, which has recommended the Linfood offer for its key markets chain, was down

Government bonds ended a dull day around 1/8 point higher.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday. One sterling

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can make those creative ideas of yours work out well. Don't commit yourself to heavy expenditures. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Stop feeling you're being

slighted and carry through with home matters agreeably. The future looks brighter. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Forget that secret anxie-

ty and contact those in business who can assist you. Get approval of those in authority.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't listen to a friend's advice on money matters. If you must discuss

something, do so with family. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have a personal wish that someone in authority can interfere with, so avoid this per-

son for now. Socialize tonight. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Some dealings with a new contact can work out well. Confide in one who admires you

and gain any assistance you might need. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A close tie could deter your progress, so rely more on your friends at this time. Retire

early; you need your rest. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You find a partner will not agree to a plan for your advancement made by an ad-

visor. Socialize this evening. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let annoying little jobs keep you from accomplishing a good deal in the

outside world. Heed friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't let some desire for amusement get in the way of planning a new campaign for success. Study your environment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study your deals with others and find ways of becoming more successful in them. Make loved one happy.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Listen to suggestions given by the influential. Your surroundings are not right. so get busy and change them.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will handle big projects very well and the influential will soon notice this amazing ability and provide backing. Do not stifle self-expression. This child should have the finest education. Don't neglect ethical training.

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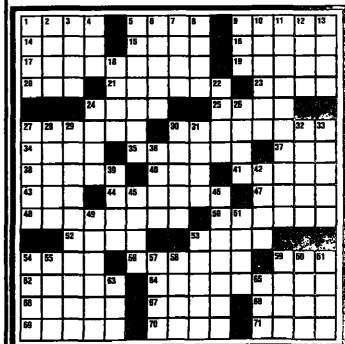
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Pope's Poland visit set for mid-June

WARSAW (R) — The Vatican uzelski. and Polish church and state authorities Tuesday released the official itinerary for a visit by Pope John Paul II next month which will take him to eight centres on a pil-

grimage eagerly awaited by mil-It will be the second papal visit by the former Karol Wojtyla to his homeland. His last trip, in 1979, brought a surge of national selfconfidence which many observers linked to the birth of the free trade union Solidarity a year later. union Solidarity a year later.

The Pope is returning this year to a Poland where Solidarity no longer exists and martial law, though suspended, is still legally in

The Pope's first mass on June 16 after arriving in Warsaw will be dedicated to the man the cross commemorated, the late primate Cardinal Stefan Wyszinski.

The Pope will be welcomed at Warsaw airport by the present primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, who spent two days in Rome discussing details of the trip with the pontiff, and by the head of state,

President Henryk Jablonski. It is not yet clear, however, if the Pope will have a formal meeting with the man who wields the real power in Poland, Communist

government said Tuesday.

sident François Mitterrand.

BY CHARLES GOREN

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EEC summit postponed

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) - A European Economic

Community (EEC) summit due to be held here on June 6 and 7 has

been postponed, a spokesman for the Baden-Wuerttemberg State

Chancellor Helmut Kohl had discussed a postponement with Bri-

The spokesman said Mr. Kohl would announce the new date in

tish Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after she called a general

Paris Tuesday after completing two days of talks with French Pre-

Officials in Bonn said several governments had supported a delay.

In London, a statement issued by Mrs. Thatcher's office said the

British government did not ask for a postponement but the prime

minister would have found it difficult to attend the whole meeting on

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believing that the summit was more likely to achieve progress once

Britain had a government with a fresh mandate.

The summit will now be held on June 18 and 19, he said.

Nor is it known if he will meet Lech Walesa, whose free trade union once had a membership of 9.5 million, the second largest organisation in Poland after the Roman Catholic church. Walesa recently resumed work as a shipyard electrician in Gdansk. but the Baltic Port where Solidarity was born has been excluded from the Pope's itinerary.

The Pope has been officially invited to Poland by both the church and the communist state, and both sides are clearly concerned to cooperate at least on an organisational level to ensure the smooth running of the visit.

If the pontiff meets Gen. Jaruzelski it is likely he will do so on Friday, June 17, when he is scheduled to be received by the highest state authorities at the Belvedere. President Jablonski's off-

icial Warsaw residence. Because Victory Square is no longer available, the Pope's main mass in the capital will be later that day at the city's sports stadium, where the altar will be raised high on the stadium crown visible to the crowds both inside and outside.

For the remaining five days of his visit. Pope John Paul will have Party leader Gen. Wojciech Jar- a hectic schedule travelling by car in towns and helicopter between

From Warsaw, the Pope will go to the Franciscan monastery at iepokalanow 40 kilometres west of the city to pay homage to Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who died in the Auschwitz Nazi extermination camp and was canonised by the pontiff last year.

From there he will go to Czestochowa for the highpoint of the pilgrimage, the visit to the Icon of the Black Madonna at Jasna Gora

Bonn magazine names 4 Soviet diplomats as spies

BONN (R) — The right-wing the story was true. magazine Quick Tuesday named Shmagin was at four Soviet diplomats working in West Germany whom it alleged were spies.

It accused embassy Second Secretary Yevgeny Shmagin of trying to exert "communist influence" in the West German anti-nuclear movement and Military Attache Viktor Marchenko of trying to acquire technology secrets.

Quick also alleged two trade envoys, Boris Koshevenikov and Oleg Shevchenko, were Spy-

The Bonn interior ministry said it had no comment on the report, but sources close to the West German intelligence services said

Shmagin was at his desk in the embassy Tuesday. Contacted by telephone by Reuters, he sounded shocked by the charges and said he

lined further comment. "You are asking too much." he

had not read the report. He dec-

Shmagin has been working at the embassy since Oct. 1980. Marchenko arrived a month ear-

The Bavarian Christian Social 'Union (CSU), partner in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centreright government, has been pushing for firm action against Soviet diplomats who they say are wor-

Schizophrenic pilot blamed for Japanese airliner crash

TOKYO (R) - Government inv- to send papers to the prosecutors' estigators have blamed the schizophrenic pilot for the crash of a which 24 people were killed and 142 injured, the transport ministry said Tuesday.

A final report by the ministry's accident investigation committee to Transport Minister Takashi Hasegawa said the plane's crash into Tokyo Bay in February last year was avoidable. The committee blamed JAL for a lack of comprehensive checks on the hea-Ith of its pilots.

The DC-8 pilot, Seiji Katagiri, 36, has been in a mental hospital since September. He was formally dismissed by JAL last Friday. Police meanwhile are expected

office later this month on six JAL officials, including two company-Japan air lines (JAL) DC-8 in commissioned doctors, police sources said. The accident investigation

committee said the airliner, carrying 166 passengers and eight crew, was six seconds from touchdown at Haneda airport when Katagiri suddenly put two of the four engines into reverse thrust.

This had caused the plane to plunge into Tokyo Bay.

Katagiri, who had been suffering from paranoid schizophrenia since around late 1976. was believed to have fallen into a state of hallucination just before the crash, the report said.

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Kenya to hold general elections in September

NAIROBI (R) — Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi was Tuesday quoted as saying general ele-ctions would be held this year instead of next because he was not satisfied with the loyalty of some national leaders. He was speaking to the governing council of the Kenya African National Union (KANU) Party, the country's only legal political body, a party spokesman told the official voice of Kenya Radio. Mr. Moi told the special meeting, called amid a row over alleged foreign meddling in Kenyan affairs, that the elections scheduled for sometime next year would be held this September.

Former Bolivian minister detained at U.S. request

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Former Bolivian Interior Minister Luis Arce Gomez was detained here Tuesday at the request of the U.S. government and will face possible extradition on charges of drugtrafficking, an Argentine court official said. Former army Col. Arce Gomez, interior minister in 1980-81, has lived in exile here since Bolivia's armed forces handed over power last October to the civilian government of President Hernan Siles Zuazo. Col. Arce Gomez has been accused in Bolivia of involvement in lucrative cocaine trafficking as well as widespread political repression while

Man in blue parachutes from Houston skyscraper

HOUSTON (R) - A man wearing a mask, blue wig and blue jump suit climbed up the side of the 71-storey Allied Bank Plaza building in Houston Monday. He put on a parachute near the top, eaped off the building on the roof of a car park where police arrested him on a charge of trespassing. "I feel great. I feel great," he said as police led him away. The man, who described himself as the "blue bandit" but said he would not give his name for fear of losing his job, began his climb up the glass building early in the morning, using suction cups and ropes.

Astronomers observe potential solar system

TOKYO (R) — Astronomers in Japan have observed rotating disc-like clouds which could become new solar systems, the Tokyo astronomical observatory said Tuesday. The sightings by a sophisticated radio telescope with a diametre of 45 metres endorsed theoretical speculation about the existence of so-called proto-solar nebulae, which could develop into solar systems, an observatory spokesman said. It was the first time that disc-like gas clouds had been observed rotating, he added.

Two bombs explode near Arab buildings in Athens

ATHENS (R) — Two bombs exploded early Tuesday outside Arab buildings in Athens, but no one was hurt, police said. One went off outside the Syrian consulate and the other next to a Libyan school in the fashionable north Athens suburb of Psychikon. The explosions were the second attack on Arab targets in Psychikon in less than a month. One of Tuesday's bombs destroyed a car belonging to the Syrian consulate, while the other, outside the school for Libyan children.

S. African police fire tear gas to disperse crowd

CAPE TOWN (R) - South African police fired tear gas to dis-perse a crowd of 200 black squatters and white sympathisers at a squatter camp in Cape Town early Tuesday. Police have prevented the squatters from rebuilding their shacks which were torn down last week. Many had to sleep for the last few days in the open despite bitter cold and rain.

Hassan optimistic on troop withdrawal from Lebanon

EDITORS NOTE: The following is the full text of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's interview on Cable News Network TV programme "Newsmaker -- Sunday". He was interviewed by Mark Walton, Cable News Network; Georgie Anne Geyer, Syndicated columnist; and Barry Schweid, Associated Press on Sunday, May 15.

Mr. Walton: Welcome to this edition of Newsmaker -- Sunday, I'm Mark Walton, in Washington, our guest today is His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, of Jordan, brother to His Majesty King Hussein and heir to the throne. On the panel today, Barry Schweid, of the Associated Press, and Georgie Anne Geyer, a Syndicated columnist. Your Highness, thank you very much for joining us. Now, sir. that it's pretty clear that the Syrians have formally rejected the Shultz withdrawal pact, my question is there seems to be a lot of hope and certainty still among diplomats that the pact isn't entirely dead because at some point, maybe not even in the context specifically of the withdrawal pact. but at some point the Syrians will decide go begin pulling their troops out of Lebanon, do you share that optimism?

Crown Prince Hassan: It's my understanding that the Lebanese Prime Minister, Mr. Wazan, is heading a negotiating team to discuss with the Syrians, so possibly they feel that the months of discussion with the Israelis should be matched by some recognition of the fact that they feel that they need some form of securities or curity reassurance on their side of the line, I don't know whether these discussion will be a formality or whether they will be more than that. I think, however, that the Soviet Union, on the one side, has been fairly impressed by the wording of the agreement - the reduction of 50,000 troops, the 50 observers under Lebanese direction, the curtailing of Haddad's influence. All these things have not gone unnoticed. But the Syrians have been building-up for some period of time a high pitch of anti-American fervor on their television and their media. and so forth, and I think that the agreement, the fact that it did take place, took a lot of wind out of many sails, and I think that for the Syrians to make and immediate about-turn is not going to be easy, but on the other hand. I think that their commitment to avoiding another full scale war in the region is as real as anyone else's. So there

is till hope. Ms. Geyer: Your Highness, are you saying that the Soviets actually are impressed with the agreement, that they're not pushing the Syrians to - to stand back and not take part? How do you analyse the Soviet role at this moment? Crown Prince Hassan: Well, as we have mentioned to them, the very fact that the Lebanese sovereignty is the final outcome of this whole exercise, and that effectively the withdrawal of all forces from the Lebanon is essential for that country playing a stable role in the region -- these points have been taken quite well by them. They refer to this phase as the political struggle. True, that there is advance weaponry in Syria, but I doubt very mugh whether this advance weaponry would be used in any other role other than the defence of their friend and ally in the region in the same way as the United States feels committed to

the defence of Israel. Mr. Schweid: What is the Jordanian position on this agreement^o

Crown Prince Hassan: We have been fully supportive of the Lebanese. The foreign minister was the first to visit Beirut and we wish President Gemayel every success is assuring the stability and the independent identity of the Lebanon, which we see as a means towards the rediscussion of the wider issue, which is so pressing. of course, that of Jerusalem and the occupied territories.

Mr. Schweid: But does this agreement enhance Lebanese sovereignty as Jordan sees it? Crown Prince Hassan: Under the present circumstances, of course a

lot has yet to be done. What hap-

pens in the next six months no one is really sure of. But certainly the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty on all parts of the Lebanon can only be achieved if all troops are withdrawn and that's why, I suppose, the Syrian dimension is important, but not insurmountable we hope. Mr. Walton: There are certain

things within the agreement, even if it doesn't trigger the immediate pullout of the forces, which would seem to move Lebanon and Israel together toward normalisation. How would you look upon that? Crown Prince Hassan: Well, the parallellism between the Syrian presence and the Israeli presence in Syria now is, I suppose, -- not exactly a fair description. The Syrians were there under an - initiative, although the Syrians have . been asked by the Lebanese to reconsider this presence, the mandate also has been revoked by Lebanese request. The first summit asked for the Syrians and the Lebanese to discuss directly the future of that -- of that situation. I noticed with interest that Mr. Sharon Saturday, at the national press club, mentioned that the United States would be losing a foothold if it were to withdraw from the Lebanon. My feeling is that footholds and security are maintained by appealing to people's hearts and minds, by restoring their dignity, and not by the maintenance of troops. And this is why I think that the withdrawal of troops is certainly as essential factor. Ms. Geyer: If I could go back just a

moment, sir, to the -- to the Soviets, we keep hearing here that there are Soviet soldiers now, advisers, of course, in Syria. The Soviets took out their people from Lebanon the other day. And yet, you seem to be saying that you do not feel there is a threat of war from that -- from that area, is that a correct reading? Crown Prince Hassan: Well, I

think that the threat of superpower confrontation, which is basically what you imply by way in that context, is a very serious development. And I can't help feeling at this stage globally that the Soviets are not interested in confrontation in the Middle East anymore than they are anywhere else in the world. Of course, there are substantial numbers of American advisers on the Israeli side. There's strategic alliance there. And our great fear is that the area will be finally polarised into Soviet-American confrontation and that the client states will benefit from this polarisation. Our problem in Jordan is that at the centre of politics in the area we are being vilified by the extreme left and the extreme right, both of whom rejected the Reagan initiative out-of-hand and both of whom seem to be against peace unless the price is right. And the price, as far as we're concerned, is to restore rights and human dignity to people, not to improve bargaining positions with the respective superpowers,

Mr. Schweid: I wanted to pursue with you, if I may, Jordan's position vis a vis the Soviets. You were describing the Soviets just a few minutes ago as basically interested in a settlement, too. I wonder if I detect a progression in what we've seen over the last couple of years, which is King Hussein's willingness to deal a little more directly with Moscow. Is Jordan easing into sort of a Switzerland or a middle position, hoping somehow that it can play a role in balancing the two superpowers or keeping them from doing something that would disrupt the region? Is Jordan moving away from a strictly U.S. view to a middle

ground? Crown Prince Hassan: Our view of the real challenge in peacemaking is that the U.S. is the final arbiter of any peacemaking initiative that will work in our area, and this is

why we welcomed the Reagan initiative as a breath of fresh air. It wasn't perfect, but at least it gave a new impetus. But at the same time, let me just remind that the Soviet Union were called upon to ratify even the Camp David agreements as Security Council members. They recognise the state of Israel. They recognised United Nations resolutions and they call for peace in the region. What they resent, I think, is being excluded from a peace process, and in 1974 they were not excluded from the Geneva conference context. So, we do see them at the end of the day as contributors to stability in the wider Middle East, stretching from Afghanistan to -- to Morocco. Mr. Schweid: Well, precisely, even speaking of the Lebanon

Crown Prince Hassan: Yes. Mr. Schweid: which has been pretty much a business that doesn't

involve the Soviets. Crown Prince Hassan: Yes. Mr. Schweid: There is a feeling in the State Department that the Soviets are instigating the Syrians to reject the agreement, perferring instead a broad conference where the Soviets would have a role. Does Jordan believe that the Soviet Union should be brought, for instance now, into the mechanics of arranging the troop withdrawal from Lebanon?. Crown Prince Hassan: Well, certainly if they could be sharp enough, I think, on this particular sub-

ject to take an intiative that would

result in the stabilisation of the

situation in the Lebanon, I think they would get a lot of credit. Mr. Schweid: Do you think they want to play a positive role? Crown Prince Hassan: I think this is also related to the wider global relationship between the Soviet Union and the United States. As you know, nothing to do with the Middle East -- it's not exactly the most harmonious relationship in many areas of the world. But on this particular issue, if this is an American priority, then it could well become a priority on the agenda of discussion between the two superpowers. But when you speak about centrism, we are neighboured by a country with a defence agreement with the Soviet Union on the one side, and by Israel and its on again-off again strategic alliance with the United States on the other. So we have to be wary certainly. To become a Switzerland of the area, as the Lebanon once was, I think both the Lebanon and Jordan would like to exercise a position of pos-

itive neutrality between the two superpowers. Ms. Geyer: And what about the PLO right now? We all know what happened with the breakdown of the talks and so on. But what is happening? What is chairman Arafat doing? Is there going to be more than one PLO? Is there any hone at all for -- for an agreement between the King and Arafat at this point?

Crown Prince Hassan: It is an amalgam of organisations, afterall. It's not one voice. And this has been their basic problem, that so many of them do not hail from the principal constituency of the West Bank and Gaza, and the reason for our April 10th statement, describing effectively the many months, over six months of travel to five Security Council capitols, which His Majesty made; the content of our discussion with the PLO, which focussed essentially on the restoration of the land and the rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. Their basic position is to try and predetermine the future political status of that land and to work towards and independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. We have said quite clearly that this is simply not provided for under the context of international initiatives. We can't pre-determine the future political status of this area, but if this is your wish, we are quite happy to play a supportive role. But to get back to the subject

of our discussion, it is basically the

priority of the restoration of the land. The Algiers conference, the Palestine National Council conference made no mention of the Reagan initiative. Palestine question as a struggle of ages. But the people in the occupied territories are not prepared to wait for ages. And I think that their pressure is beginning to be felt to a large extent. They are organising a meeting in Tunis, I think, in the near future. That is to say, the West Bankers per se. And maybe their voice at the end of the day will be effictively heard. But so far, we havnot had an indication of a closed door from Arafat, but similarly. we have not heard an indication of any positive change of heart. Mr. Walton: Your Highness, what, if anything, can the Reagan administration do at this point to

get that initiative back on track? Should it come from Washington? Crown Prince Hassan: Well, sir, I think that the problem is basically how serious is the administration at this time, entering elections, We need a bipartisan peace constituency. I think in this country to assist the administration, and this is why the Ford-Carter joint piece in the Reader's Digest the other day, and the idea of bipartisan peace constituency in the coming years is extremely important. I mean peace took 30 years in the context of Europe. Entente in Germany was not possible until 30 years tafter World War II. Why ld peace-making in our area by limited to four year presidential terms? But we do feel that the president's intentions and resolve are serious on this matter, but it is a question really of making these intentions clear to all in the area. Mr. Walton: And that is partly my question, what, at this point, could the administration do? Regardless of where it was in an election cycle, where should the inducement go? Crown Prince Hassan: I think to

all of the U.S. friends in the area, particularly in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, there has to be a coherent policy presented in the area, which says the principal priority in peacemaking is the res-olution of the Palestinian question. The occupation of the 1967 territories, the empire built on credit, which Israel has become, is threatening stability in the whole area, and furthermore, fragmentation is -- by the winter edition of the Journal of Judaism and Zionism, that talks of the Arab World as a "house of cards" and refers to the different ethnic groupings in Lebanon, and I'm really afraid that many Israeli planners think that they can survive in the area as a dominating minority in an area of minorities. But if you open this pandora's box of populist movements, whether in the Lebanon, or the Gush Emunim in Israel, or even further afield in the context of Iran, what kind of Middle East will we have. So, I think a coherent policy has to be made clear to the Arabs on the one side and to Israel on the other. You sell. material to the Israelis, you do it with a political rider - peace sho-

uld be the final goal. Ms. Geyer: Your Highness, Jordan has had many contacts with the West Bank. I believe you still pay the salaries of many of the municipal employees, the teachers and so on and after the failure of the talks with the PLO and the breakdown, there was talk in Jordan of even closing off the West Bank as a tactic or a means of stopping perhaps the Israelis from driving out many of the Palestinians. Is this true? or what is Jordan's policy going to be not re the West Bank, which is the centre of the Palestinian problem in many ways?

Crown Prince Hassan: We have done everything we can over the 16 years of occupation to assist - Housing schemes, cooperative controls on the Israeli side, they're itary governor gives permission to numbers of people to leave, in the is the ultimate priority.

aeli is approximately one-third to the disfavour of the Arabs. And frankly, Mr. Benvenistia, the well-reputed Israeli planner, a moderate Israeli, calls for annexation within less than 18 months unless Arab identity is preserved. Because effectively this sham of talking of authority for the Arabs is impossible in an area which has become six administrative areas. excluding Jerusalem. So, we have taken measures only aimed really at restricting the demographic move. There are three embattled Palestinian communities in the context of the West Bank and Gaza on the one side, and there's also the future of the Palestinians in Lebanon which concerns us enormously. In addition to that, there are the Palestinians and Jordanians in the Gulf. And just to sit back and say, well, Jordan can be the repository is just impossible. We cannot be a stable repository. Our per capita has gone up from less than \$400 immediately after the '67 war to \$2000, which in relative terms is good. But we can't maintain the standard of living or improve on it if suddenly this deluge of people descends on our head. And the pseudo-radical Jordan is very much an aim of Israeli generals, so that they can use the policeman's role of the and use the in extending their zone of influence to arrive at the Red Sea and

Bank situation is desperate at this Mr. Walton: So you have a feeling that, perhaps that the fact of the Israeli settlements could get to a point where they are irreversible? That is, where the fate of that area is irreversible? You, in your writings, have used the term fait accompli. When you say desperate, is

the Gulf region, which is probably

the ultimate goal. So the West

that what you mean? Crown Prince Hassan: I mean that the urban settlements around Jerusalem are basically expanding the popularity base of the govemment today. They're taking lower income, oriental Jewish population from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and giving them these new flats. American money goes to the Israeli treasury and it releases corresponding Israeli ability to enhance the settlement process I believe that buildings built by Arabs, on Arab land, and often with taxation from the Arab population could, in part, be inhabited by Arabs. I think that an accommodation is possible, but there has to be a basic understanding of who is going to live in that area. mean the Israeli view on water, for example, is that the end due is there is the established user. And this is our basic fear that they are so embittering the communities against one another that coe-xistence will be impossible, and then there will be a fait accompli. Mr. Schweid: I wonder if we could try to determine if there's difference between the Jordanian position and the PLO's position. The president, in his plan, is not supporting a state. The PLO wants a state. I've seen an interview with Al-Nahar, a Lebanese newspaper. in which King Hussein said, "there is complete aagreement between the PLO and Jordan on sovereignty." Does Jordan support a

Crown Prince Hassan: If the Palestinians want to work towards a state and the introduction to a peace process is something along the lines of the Reagan initiative. then obviously it's a non starter. And we've made this quite clear to the PLO. You want your state, you think you can work towards it independently, go ahead and try. But don't ask us to participate economically the preservation of with you in placing as a priori con-Arab identity on the West Bank dition this question of a Palestine independent state. We see a relmovements, and so forth. But the ationship between the West Bank and Jordan as a far more viable arbitrary. That means that the mil- reality. But again, this takes us back to what the PLO really feels

Palestinian state?

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you hold: ↑1092 ♥108432 ♦ AQ7 ↑95 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 + Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass ? What do you bid now?

A. - We are not thrilled with the one no trump response our choice would have been two spades, which would have eliminated the present problem. Because of our three trumps to the ten and ruffing value in clubs, we would continue to four spades, even though we do not have any more than the 6 HCP we promised with our original response.

Q.3 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: +K95 ♥J102 01095 +Q863 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♥ Pass 1NT Pass 2 + Pass ? What action do you take?

A. - You have a dead minimum and scant game prospects, but that does not mean that you can shirk your duty now. Partner's reverse bid has guaranteed longer hearts than spades, and it is your responsibility to see that you play in the right strain. Correct to three hearts - that promises no additional

Q.4-As South, vulnerable. you hold:

♦Q865 ♥9832 ♦72 ♦KQ5 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 2 🕈 Pass 3 • Pass 4 4 Pass ?

What do you bid now? A .- Partner has launched a cue-bidding sequence with his ace-showing bid of four clubs. Since you have no ace to show, we would not blame you if you chose to sign off in four spades and let partner make the next move. But we feel that you need not be ashamed of your raise, so we would take this opportunity to show the king of clubs. Bid five clubs.

Q.5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦AQ983** ♥K7 ♦AJ6 **♦987** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 2 ♥ 2 NT

What action do you take? A .- You have a minimum halanced hand, and not enough support to raise partner's suit. You should be grateful that East's interference has removed your obligation to bid again. A timely pass now will convey a perfect description of your hand. Let partner decide what action to take after West bids.

Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **+Q10872** ♥73 ♦9652 **+Q7** The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 10 20 * Pass 30 Dble Pass ? (*) preemptive

What action do you take? A. - We are sure that all our readers know that North's double is for takeout, not penalties - South has not yet bid. Since North must have a fairly strong hand for this action, South is close to a jump to four spades. However, we lean to the slightly conservative bid of three spades because North may have been competing under pressure. Had one of our queens been a king, we would have been prepared to jump to game.